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# **CNMI son killed in Afghanistan**

### » 13th soldier from the CNMI to die since 2003

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

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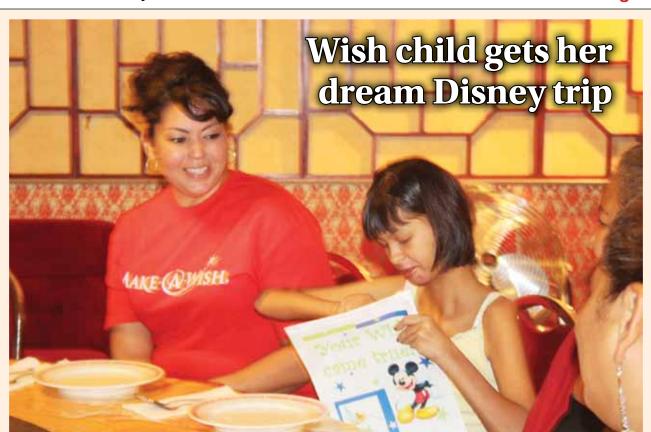
nother son of the CNMI, U.S. Marine Corporal Dave Michael Santos, was killed Friday in Afghanistan where he was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He was allegedly stabbed and killed by a fellow Marine. He was 21.

His family on Rota was shocked to learn that a fellow soldier would end the life of their eldest child.

"He's loved by many. He's a great kid, a wonderful son, and I will miss him forever," his father, Rota resident David M. Santos, told Saipan Tribune in a phone interview yesterday afternoon.

The soldier's adoptive mother, Bella

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By CLARISSA V. DAVID clarissa\_david@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Eighteen-year-old Brina Marie Mafnas Reyes has always dreamed of going to DisneyWorld ever since she was a child.

Thanks to Make a Wish Foundation, Reyes' wish finally came true as she and her family were flown to Florida yesterday morning to stay there for a week.

Reyes traveled with mom Frances,

dad George, sister Novina, and niece Serenity and they are set to arrive at the Orlando International Airport on Sunday (Florida time).

During the sendoff dinner for Reyes and her family Friday night at the China House Restaurant, Reyes said she was excited to go to DisneyWorld and see her favorite Disney character in person.

"I like Minnie mouse. She's cute," a

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2010 Liberation Day Sweetheart Brina Marie Mafnas Reyes, right, opens her gift bag as Make A Wish Foundation CNMI Chapter board member Desirae Herrera looks on during Reyes' sendoff dinner at China House Restaurant Friday night. Reyes and members of her family flew to Orlando, Florida vesterday to visit DisneyWorld.



**Dave Michael Santos** 

### 86.2 miles of **CNMI** coastline impaired—draft **DEQ** report

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

A draft report on water quality assessment says 86.2 miles or 39 percent of the CNMI's coastline remain impaired due partly to microbiological contamina-

tion, and that much work lies ahead for the CNMI to im-

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prove its water quality.

The Division of Environmental Quality released the draft 2010 Integrated Water Quality Assessment Report, which is available online for comment until Aug. 23, 2010.

A copy of the draft report can be accessed at www.deq.gov.mp.

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# Local



## Sons of Mau Piailug talk about the master navigator

By CLARISSA V. DAVID clarissa\_david@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Antonio Piailug's fond memories of his father, legendary Micronesian navigator Mau Piailug, were about the countless voyages they made together.

"I used to sail with my father in Yap and Chuuk since I was 6 years old," the younger Piailug told Saipan Tribune in a telephone interview.

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without the use of any navigational instruments, Mau Piailug was considered a palu, a master navigator that only uses of ancient methods of wayfaring.

On July 12, Mau Piailug, the last of the traditional master navigators, passed away on his home island of Satawal, state of Yap, in the Federated States of Micronesia. He was 78.

Mau Piailug was wellknown for having navigated the Hokule'a, a Polynesia doublehulled voyaging canoe, in the 2,500-mile journey from Hawaii to Tahiti on its maiden vovage in 1976.

According to his son Henry Yarofalpiy, they found out about his father's death through a call from their relatives back in Sa-

Mau Piailug had 10 sons and

**BRIEF INFO** 

**Nightly Rosary:** 

July 13 to 20 at 7:30pm

**Memorial service:** 

July 21, 6pm,

Santa Soledad Church

For more information,

contact Henry Yarofalpiy at

788-4521

six daughters, three of whom are based on Saipan.

Yarofalpiy said his father was buried the day after he died, which is customary in Yap since they do not have a morgue.

To observe the death of a navigator like his father, Yarofalpiy said sailing between islands is banned until the family of the deceased opens up the seas by initiating sea voyaging once again.

"We won't hold it for long. We understand that people need to travel to other islands for food. We plan to open sail nine days after his death," said Yarofalpiv.

Piailug, who last saw his father when he sailed to Satawal last year, said he followed his father in most of his trips from Satawal to Saipan on a conventional canoe.

"He had diabetes but he was in good condition [then]," said Piailug.

#### **Legend continues**

Being one of the last traditional navigators, Mau Piailug trained younger navigators, including Charles Nainoa Thompson, executive director of the Polynesian Voyaging Society, which invited Mau Piailug to support

them in their quest to revive the ancient art of Hawaiian wayfar-

There are young people that have the knowledge but not like what he did. He's into traditional [method]," said Yarofalpiy.

In an e-mail to Saipan Tribune, Commonwealth Council for Arts executive director Angel S. Hocog offered his condolences to the family of the late Mau Piailug.

Hocog said the death of Mau Piailug is "a great loss" for the Micronesian culture because "there is so much to learn" from the late master navigator.

He added that CCAC is planning to organize an exhibit that will coincide with the Cultural Heritage Month in September to pay tribute to Mau Piailug.

Piailug noted that the contin-

ued existence of the art of traditional navigation lies to a great extent on those who have learned from the late master navigator.

"Whoever learned from

him should step up and do what they learned. We have to step up and try navigating around and pass the knowledge," he said.

To continue his father's legacy, Yarofalpiy said he plans to work closely with the Canoe Federation on Saipan and the CCAC and do educational outreach to students.

Yarofalpiy, who has done presentations at Marianas High School and other schools in the past, said he is willing to teach children so they can learn about traditional art and culture.

"It will be up to the young generation to continue this art. That's what we want, to preserve our culture," he said.

The family of the late Mau Piailug started the nightly rosarv last Tuesday, July 13, at 7:30pm and will continue until the memorial service 6pm on July 21 to be held at Santa Soledad Church.

For more information, contact Henry Yarofalpiy at 788-



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### **Moment of truth for austerity bill today**

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO haidee\_eugenio@saipantribune.com REPORTER

To pass or not to pass? This is the question for the day as the House of Representatives is expected to act today on an austerity bill seeking to cut government work hours from 80 to 72 per pay period for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2010 and 2011.

House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan) and acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos separately said they're hoping the conference committee version of his House Bill 17-45 will pass the House.

"It only takes a simple majority," Inos said, referring to the voting on the austerity measure, which seeks a shutdown of most government agencies everyother-Friday to cut government spending.

The House originally set its

session last Thursday, but this was moved to today to include the report of the Conference Committee on HB 17-45, presided by Sen. Jovita Taimanao.

The committee finalized its report on Friday.

The five-page committee report calls for the introduction of separate austerity bill and revenue generating bills to implement cost-cutting measures and to identify additional resources through legislation.

#### Tax, fee increases

The committee agreed that upon the passage of HB 17-45 by both houses, the House will push all revenue generating legislation to incorporate the Senate recommendations into existing and future legislation.

The joint House and Senate panel also agreed on satisfying the second portion of the Senate

version of HB 17-45, such as raising fees on amusement machines, imposing a \$1,000 annual license fee for the commercial operation of automated teller machines, excise tax on cigarettes, and a 10-percent ad valorem on cellular or mobile telephones, on personal and office computer equipment having a value less than \$1,000.

They also agreed to generate revenue by raising the bar tax from 10 to 15 percent, increasing certain license fees, raising tobacco fees, and reducing tax rebates.

The Fitial administration said without the austerity bill, government spending will further exceed government revenue. For the first nine months ending June alone, the projected operating deficit is at \$23 million, which could worsen in FY 2011 when projected revenue is only at \$132 million compared to the current \$137 million.



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# Federal judge denies cop's motion to dismiss charges

The federal court has denied a motion to dismiss the extortion charges filed against a police officer.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Robert J. Bryan on Friday denied Christopher Leon Guerrero's motion to dismiss his superseding indictment.

Leon Guerrero, through his lawyer, moved the court to dismiss the superseding indictment on the grounds that it fails to specifically allege that the defendant acted intentionally.

Bryan granted assistant U.S. attorney Eric O'Malley's motion to continue the jury trial for today, Monday.

Bryan said visiting federal court judge David Carter will preside over the trial.

Bryan said he will issue a written order.

Leon Guerrero facing charges of committing extortion on Sept. 15, 2009 through Oct. 9, 2009. He allegedly used his position as a police officer to obtain a bribe from an illegal taxicab driver in exchange for dismissing the driver's criminal case

The Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested Leon Guerrero on Nov. 16, 2009. He is currently out on bail.

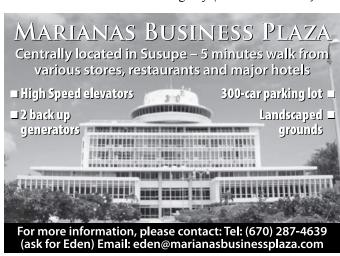
According to the FBI, Leon Guerrero used his position at the Department of Public Safety to demand and receive payments ranging from \$300 to \$700 from illegal taxicab drivers in exchange for dismissing their criminal cases and returning their seized vehicles to the drivers.

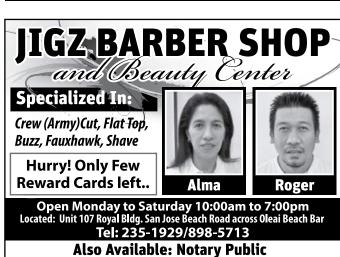
Leon Guerrero pleaded not guilty. *(Ferdie de la Torre)* 



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# Tinian Health Center nurses, staff get paid

Tinian Health Center's nurses and medical ancillary staff received their salaries late Friday afternoon, including the July 2, 2010 payroll, making their employer, Saipan Employment Agency Services, now up to date with payroll.

As provided for by the state of emergency declaration issued by Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos and the Tinian Joint Legislative Delegation met on Tuesday this week and arrived at resolution, according to Tinian Health Center resident director

The payment for Saipan Employment Agency Services was released late Friday afternoon and, at the same time, issued payroll for SEAS employees at Tinian Health Center, he said.

Dela Cruz said he is sincerely gratified to all those who helped resolve the issue, including Fitial, Inos, special assistant Esther Fleming and the rest of the Fitial administration. Also, to Tinian Mayor Ramon M. Dela Cruz for his strong support, Kim Hinds for taking the leading role on

behalf of the municipality, and the Tinian Joint Legislative Delegation for their commitment and working cohesively with the Fitial Administration in addressing the healthcare service

Dela Cruz also cited his special adviser, Freddy U. Hofschneider Jr., for communicating and coordinating the payroll of Tinian Health Center SEAS employees.

"Mr. Hofschneider and I had established a great working team and we regularly meet with the affected employees to recognize their loyalty and dedication, continued providing services despite such hardship. He was on Saipan today and met separately with acting governor Inos and Mrs. Fleming," said Dela Cruz. (PR)

#### COASTLINE

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The 106-page report highlights significant improvements in water quality, particularly on Saipan where five of the island's 17 coastal areas measuring 12.7 miles have been removed from the "impaired" list for recreational use.

Four other segments totaling 14.9 miles have been removed from the aquatic life support impairment list due to improvements in water quality and biological indicator data.

"A combination of reduced population and ongoing repairs and improvements to the sewage collection system, including a new sewage treatment system on Managaha Island, are suspected to be among the causes of these observed improvements in water quality," DEO said in a statement.

However, despite the good news, 86.2 miles or 39 percent of the CNMI's coastline remains impaired for various reasons.

This includes impairment of 29.1 miles, or 58 percent, of Saipan's shoreline for recreation use due to microbiological contamination. This is measured by the presence of enterococci, a fecal indicator bacteria.

Examples of these contaminated areas are the major storm drain just south of Sugar Dock in Chalan Kanoa and the sewer lift station (A-16) just south of the Pacific Islands Club in

An important portion of the Garapan beaches fronting the Hyatt Regency Saipan and Fiesta Resort & Spa also met recreational attainment criteria but could not be de-listed because of nearby areas, which continue to suffer from water quality degradation.

The report also cited water degradation caused almost solely by uncontrolled livestock grazing within the watersheds. It cited Marine Beach in Kagman and the Lao Lao Bay beach, along with Obyan beach.

New and unpublished data that the University of Guam collected has re-

vealed the presence of mercury in fish tissues recovered from the Garapan area on Saipan, "at levels that may be of concern to public health."

"Much work lies ahead for the CNMI in addressing these problems and improving the quality of waters for residents and visitors alike," DEQ said.

Tinian and Rota are not spared from the effects of land-based pollution, with several of their primary recreation beaches also remaining listed as impaired for the 2010 reporting cycle,

DEQ, which monitors, assesses and protects water quality within the CNMI, is required to come up with the water quality report on a biannual basis by the U.S. Clean Water Act.

The 2010 report is based on monitoring data collected during Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009, or Oct. 1, 2007 through Sept. 30, 2009.

This report is the principal means by which the CNMI DEQ, the U.S. Congress, and the public evaluate whether CNMI waters are meeting water quality standards, the purpose of which is to ensure that all designated uses of these waters are attained.

These designated uses include recreation in and on the water, the support of aquatic life and coral reef conservation, fishing and the consumption of fish and shellfish, aesthetic enjoyment, and availability as potable water supplies in the case of fresh waters.

Written comments on the report can be submitted in person to the DEQ office at the Gualo Rai Center on Middle Road (across from the Subway restaurant), by mail, or by e-mail to waterqualityreport@deq.gov.mp.

DEQ said e-mails should contain the subject line "2010 IR Comments" or similar, and must be addressed to: Mr. Frank Rabauliman, director, Division of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 1304, Saipan, MP, 95950.

All comments must be received by DEQ no later than Aug. 23, 2010, in order for the comments to be considered by DEQ in the preparation of the final Integrated Report.

### 4K signature petition eyed for CUC public co-op

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

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A group of Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers will be initiating a signature campaign that targets at least 4,000 supporters to push for the establishment of a public cooperative that will buy and run the utilities firm.

Led by Fred Prosser, the petition will be presented to the Legislature, signifying the will of the people to own and manage the islands' lone power and water firm.

Only a handful of CUC customers appeared at the assembly at the American Memorial Park Friday night but Prosser is optimistic that more people would come out and join their cause as this will benefit the entire citizenry. Prosser said he will continue to come out and explain to people the benefits of a cooperative utility for CUC.

He said allowing public co-op to own the utilities corporation could be done either through referendum or public law.

Prosser acknowledged that the government would need a lot of funds to continue operating CUC

to foreign companies would be a "big mistake."

If successful in its mission, Prosser said public shares of CUC would be offered at \$10 per share. He believes that making the public stakeholders of the corporation would benefit everyone as they will control and dictate the utilities rates.

Prosser said what's lacking in the present administration of CUC is a "cohesive and knowledgeable" leadership.

According to Felipe T. Fejeran, 58 from Chalan Kanoa, a co-op is the only thing that could prevent the utilities rates from going up. Based on his July billing, Fejeran paid CUC \$565.13. He admitted not knowing all the items being charged to his account.

"If the government cannot fix the problem...let the public help them. Allow us to buy CUC so we can manage, control, and operate it fairly for all community members. In these challenging times, we community members are the most seriously affected," he told Saipan Tribune.

Businessman William Mott from Garapan also vowed his support

and the idea to sell the utilities firm for a public co-op for CUC. Each month, he pays an average of \$800 to \$900 for his utility bill—an amount he believes is not worth it because of the unreliable water and power situation.

Also in attendance at the meeting was Rep. Frank Dela Cruz, who initially expressed support for the group's mission.

The lawmaker said it was in 15th Legislature when he started pushing the idea of a co-op for CUC. In fact, he began negotiation with Touchtone Energy, a consultant that manages and coordinates the processing of public cooperatives, to see the potential establishment of the co-op for CUC.

However, due to serious deficiencies and problems at the power plants at the time, Dela Cruz was forced to stop pursuing the idea.

This time, he vows to encourage his colleagues in the Legislature to review and consider the same

"Public co-op is not after profit... and I think there's a good possibility this time. I am more than willing to help on this matter," Dela Cruz

#### KILLED

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Maratita, said Dave Michael Santos was a "very loving son."

"He loves me very much and I love him very much. I will miss him," she added.

#### 'Justice for our son'

Dave Michael Santos' death, which happened about a month after his redeployment to Afghanistan, is still under investigation.

His father said preliminary information relayed to them was that Dave Michael Santos was stabbed by a fellow Marine on the left side of his neck around 2am in Marjeh, Helmand Province in Afghanistan. He passed away some two hours later.

His family on Rota received the information from the military around 10pm Friday night in the CNMI.

The family wants justice for Dave Michael Santos.

"As a father, I don't have any hatred toward anyone, even to God, I just want the truth and justice to be served. for closure," the father said, adding that it is hard to grasp that his son's fellow soldier would be the cause of his passing.

Dave Michael Santos left behind a wife, Lotty Ann A. Santos, and their 3-year-old son, Anthony David Santos.

#### 'To be buried on Rota'

His father said the family expects Dave Michael Santos' remains to be flown to the CNMI next week.

"He will be buried on Rota," the father added.

Dave Michael Santos was born on May 17, 1989. He was the eldest of four siblings. He has two sisters and a brother, aged 10 to 19.

Right after graduating from Rota High School in 2007, he underwent a U.S. Marine Corps basic training at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and an Advanced Individual Training at Camp Pendleton, California, his father said.

"His first deployment to Afghanistan was in 2008. He came back from Afghanistan in 2009. He got redeployed to Afghanistan only about a month ago," the father added.

He said he last saw his son last year when he came to Rota.

Dave Michael Santos is the 13th soldier from the CNMI, and the 37th person from the Micronesian region, to die since 2003 while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He is the first cousin of the late Corporal Joe G. Charfauros Jr., another CNMI son from Rota, who died while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Charfauros, 33, was one of four U.S. soldiers killed on June 20, 2007, in Baghdad, Iraq following injuries sustained from an improvised explosive device that blew up near their vehicle.

#### 'Respectful'

Rep. Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota) said her nephew's death came as a shock to the family and relatives.

"It's bad enough he died in Afghanistan, but knowing that he was killed by a fellow soldier, that's shocking. It's shocking and tragic," Santos said in a separate phone interview.

She said her nephew was a "very down-to-earth and humble" man.

"He's very respectful and a fine gentleman," the lawmaker from Rota said.

Since 2003, men and women from the Micronesian region, which includes the CNMI and Guam, have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the fight against terror.

Just early last month, a 23-year-old soldier from Guam was killed in Afghanistan.

Army Sgt. Joshua Akoni Sablan Lukeala was killed on June 7 in Afghanistan while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. He died with four fellow soldiers who were all assigned to the Army's 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division. They were based out of Fort Campbell, Ky.

#### WISH From Page 1

of for their trip.

smiling Reyes said.

Board member Desirae Herrera of the Make a Wish Foundation CNMI Chapter assured Reyes and her family that everything is already taken cared

"Once you step out of the plane, you don't have to worry about anything: transportation, food, hotel stay," Herrera said as she gave Reyes the handout

that detailed their weeklong itinerary. Reves' mom, Frances, told Saipan Tribune that she was very happy for her daughter. "It's a dream come true for her," she said.

Aside from her wish to visit Disney-World, Reyes also got another dream come true when she was crowned the 2010 Liberation Day Sweetheart last July 2.

"That was also her dream, to become a queen. This year is a really happy year for her," Frances added.

During their trip, Frances said their family will also meet with her two sons, Reyes' brothers, one of whom just got back from his tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Victor P. Camacho, executive director of Make a Wish Foundation of Guam, said Reyes was referred to the foundation in January, got qualified, interviewed in May, and was selected for her wish in summer since it was a travel wish.

As a general policy for travel wishes, Make A Wish Foundation pays for the wish kid plus two family members, said Camacho.

Camacho said all referred kids who qualify medically are granted a wish for every eligible child. "There are limits to what a child can wish for but we try our best to grant the true wish of the child."

According to Camacho, funds for Reyes' wish came from their operating budget. The money raised from the Sand Castles for Wishes 2010 will be programmed for future CNMI children's wishes, he said.

## **Tudela: 2 more DPS officers may be involved in illegal drugs**

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie\_delatorre@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Two more officers at the Department of Public Safety may be involved in illegal drugs, according to DPS Commissioner Santiago Tudela.

If investigation confirms

these suspicions, Tudela these officers will be dealt with accordingly.

Tudela disclosed the possibility of two more officers' drug involvement during a press conference on Friday relating to the Thursday arrest of Police Officer I Florencio

Richards for allegedly serving as a driver for Belinda Omengkar while she peddled "ice."

"I believe that there are some officers who are still in drugs, but we will get them," the commissioner said, without elaborating so not to jeopardize ongoing investigation.

He vowed to continue drug testing for all DPS personnel.

"I will not tolerate such abuse of authority," Tudela said.

With respect to Richards, DPS spokesman Jason Tarkong stated that federal charges may be filed against the officer because illegal drugs and possession of a firearm are a federa violation.

Richards, 32, assigned to the Patrol section, was also arrested in July 2009 for allegedly using a patrol car as a getaway vehicle for a group of burglars. That case was later dismissed because the officer who handled

the investigation was subsequently charged in federal court for extortion charges.

Associate judge Perry B. Inos imposed a \$10,000 cash bail each for Omengkar and Richards and set a preliminary hearing for July 22 at 9am.

Inos appointed a private counsel for Richards and tapped the Office of the Public Defender to serve as counsel for Omengkar.





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#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS **PSS RFP 10-086**

#### "STRUCTURED PROFESSIONAL **DEVELOPMENT FOR SINAPALO** ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ROTA JR. HIGH AND ROTA HIGH SCHOOL"

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from individuals or firms interested in "Providing Structured Professional Development for Sinapalo Elementary, Rota Jr. High and Rota High School." The Scope of Work is available beginning Monday, July 19, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

Questions may be faxed to Ms. Vanessa Hocog, Principal, Sinapalo Elementary School at (670) 532-9523 or e-mailed to vanessa.hocog@cnmipss.org no later than August 3, 2010.

Proposals shall be in a sealed envelope marked "RFP 10-086" containing (1) original and three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Ofice no later than 9:30 A.M. Tuesday, August 10, 2010. Any proposal submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D. Commissioner of Education /s/ Robert Florian **Procurement Officer** 



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# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

# **PSS RFP 10-087**

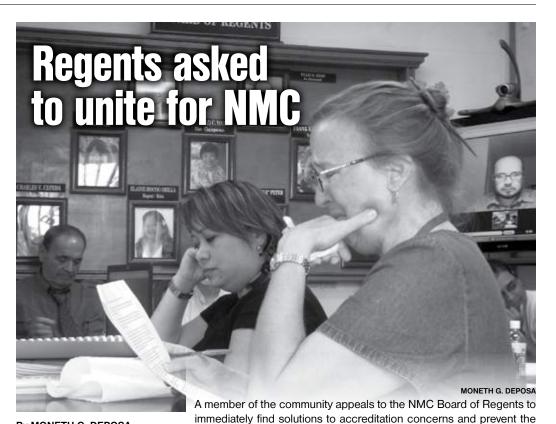
### "COACHING AND TRAINING FOR WILLIAM S. REYES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from individuals or firms interested in "Providing Coaching and Training for William S. Reyes Elementary School." The Scope of Work is available beginning Monday, July 19, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

Questions may be faxed to Ms. Naomi Nishimura at (670) 664-3973 or e-mailed to <u>naomi.nishimura@cnmipss.org</u> no later than August 3, 2010.

Proposals shall be in a sealed envelope marked "RFP 10-087" containing (1) original and three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Ofice no later than 9:00 A.M. Tuesday, August 10, 2010. Any proposal submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D. Commissioner of Education /s/ Robert Florian Procurement Officer



By MONETH G. DEPOSA moneth\_deposa@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

Community members who attended Friday's Northern Marianas College board meeting urged regents to set aside their differences-internal and external—for the sake of the islands' lone tertiary institution, which could close down due to accreditation problems.

Rota resident Ivan Mereb, a former officer of the college student council, said NMC has survived a lot of challenges and trials and has survived.

"Despite the internal or external conflict that you may have on the board, we ask you to work together and face this challenge. NMC has survived a lot of challenges in the past and this show-cause sanction is not the one that will tear our institution apart. Like in 2008 on behalf of the students, we asked 'what we can do to help?' Now, as alumni of this institution, I am here asking the board 'what I could do to help and assist just to make sure, we can keep our NMC," Mereb said. He represented student in the college's governing council that helped address NMC's first showcause status in 2008.

Joyce Taro, a former Staff Senate president, also spoke about the need for unity.

"We are all responsible for this. I know I've done wrong... I am sorry to the community that I did not fight hard enough. I believe that we need to come together now. I also believe that also important is for everybody to know what is right and wrong. But if the focus is for something else...I don't think we can move forward from here," Taro said.

Taro stepped down as president of the NMC Staff Senate at the height of criticisms against former president Dr. Carmen Fernandez, who was eventually fired in April.

Another college employee made an emotional plea, expressing worry about the possibility of NMC closing down. Saipan Tribune learned that she has been with NMC for almost 20 years. She asked the board, along with NMC management, PACIFIC EDUCATION COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

college from closing down. Also in photo is NMC interim president Lor-

raine Cabrera while accreditation liaison officer Galvin Deleon Guer-

rero participates in the discussion via videoconference

### MOAs with Legislature, admin to address NMC's show-cause

By MONETH G. DEPOSA Moneth\_deposa@saipantribune.com REPORTER

The Northern Marianas College Board of Regents and its management were advised to sign agreements with the CNMI executive and legislative branches to document and formalize their commitment to uphold the college's autonomy in both its governance and financial operations.

The Pacific Postsecondary Education Council endorsed this approach to help address NMC's show-cause status, which threatens to close down the institution.

Interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera reported in Friday's board meeting that PPEC members also offered other assistance that could aid NMC address its accreditation woes.

One of them is the College of the Marshall Islands, which adopted the same MOA approach when it was placed on severe show-cause sanction a few years past, resulting in the reaffirmation of its accreditation.

NMC only has until Oct. 15 to submit corrective measures to the 10 recommendations cited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges on June 30.

Among WASC's major concerns is the interference of both the Executive Branch and Legislature in how the college plans and uses its local budget.

Galvin Deleon Guerrero, the college accreditation liaison officer who participated in the meeting through videoteleconference, described the MOA as a "good step."

The memorandum of agreement will be reviewed by NMC's legal counsel and the Attorney General's Office and is expected to be acted upon soon. Cabrera has already given instructions to begin consulting with all parties and make it happen.

Another step toward solving the accreditation problems is restructuring the management team, adding members from other governance councils such as the Associated Students of NMC, faculty, and staff.

Deleon Guerrero disclosed that the completion of audit reports from fiscal years 2007 through 2009 is also very vital in resolving the accreditation problems. He pointed out that majority of the findings in those audits concerns federal programs.

Rep. Joseph Palacios, member of the House Committee on education, said he will do his best to get the commitment and support of his fellow lawmakers on the planned memorandum of agreement.

Palacios was among the attendees in Friday's board meeting at the college.

The lawmaker disclosed that failure to work hand in hand with NMC and the Board of Regents at this time will mean sacrificing the future of the CNMI's children.

to continue to searching for solutions to keep NMC alive for sake of the Commonwealth's students.

"I believe NMC has the ability to address the challenge... and our institution is worthy to get its reaffirmation," she added.

NMC has only three months to address the 10 recommenda-

tions of the Western Association of School and Colleges. With this limited time, all speakers urged the board and NMC leaders to take immediate action before it's too late.

Friday's meeting was the first one called by the Board of Regents after the issuance of showcause report on June 30.

# Law professor to speak to alien workers about immigration law

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie\_delatorre@saipantribune.com

The United Workers Movement-NMI will conduct a presentation on U.S. immigration law on Wednesday, with Hofstra University School of

Law faculty member Professor Rose Cuison Villazor, herself a daughter of former CNMI contract workers, as the main speaker.

UWM president Rabby Syed told Saipan Tribune yes-

terday that the presentation will be at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe on Wednesday, July 21, from 5:30pm to 8pm.

"I am calling all the guest worker leaders, guest workers, and nonresidents to attend the presentation to get a better understanding of [immigration] law and how it relates to us," Syed said.

Syed also appealed to attorneys in the CNMI who specialize in immigration laws to attend

the presentation so they could raise good questions or give good answers to participants.

Villazor recently conducted a lecture on contemporary immigration issues at the American Memorial Park's Auditorium, as arranged by the CNMI's Ju-

diciary.

"I attended that presentation and I feel it is very important for us because the United States of America is a country of immigrants and the U.S. immigration law is designed

to benefit residents and foreigners," he said.

From that respect, Syed said he feels that nonresident workers need to know the immigration law and learn how they can fit themselves into that system, which is now in the CNMI.

"Sometimes we are afraid because of ignorance about the law. So I am asking all our alien brothers and sisters to attend the presentation so they will get ideas about immigration law," he said.

Villazor, together with University of New Mexico School of Law Professor Robert J. Desiderio currently serve as instructors for the CNMI Summer Pre-Law Program 2010.

A daughter of former Filipino contract workers, Villazor grew up on Saipan and graduated from Mount Carmel High School.

Prior to joining Hofstra University School of Law, Villazor taught property, immigration law, and advanced citizenship at Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law.

Professor Villazor also served as a human rights fellow at Columbia Law School where she focused on the domestic application of international human rights.

While earning her law degree at American University, she served as editor of the *American University Law Review*. After graduating from law school, she clerked for Judge Stephen H. Glickman on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

# **SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), would like to notify the general public that DPW will be conducting Public Meetings in each Senatorial District for the Federal-Aid Highway Program, Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) for Fiscal Year 2011. The Federal-Aid Highway Program is a formula grant program that the CNMI Government receives annually from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

The goal of these Public Meetings is to provide citizens with a better understanding of the transportation decision making process, and encourage community participation in addressing current and future transportation needs such as roads, bicycle and pedestrian designated facilities, safety, and maintenance of transportation facilities. The public meetings will take place as follows:

Saipan -	Multi-Purpose Center	July 21, 2010	6:00PM
Tinian -	Elementary School Cafeteria	<b>July 22, 2010</b>	5:30PM
Rota -	Round House	July 23, 20 10	5:30PM

Advance copies of the TTIP can be obtained from the Department of Public Works Technical Services Division (TSD) through its website at www.dpw.gov.mp

> /s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN Secretary of Public Works

### Triple J Motors offers TOC hole-in-one prize

The Tournament of Champions has become famous for their hole-in-one prizes and Triple J Motors has been there since the first tournament in 1996. For the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual TOC, any lucky golfer who can put it in the cup with one shot on Hole No. 17 West will be the new owner of a 2010 Mazda 3.

"Our commitment to TOC for the last 15 years shows the importance that Triple J places on the beatification of Saipan

for our tourists and residents," said Randy Steele, general manager of Triple J Motors. "We are proud to have been an original sponsor and to once again to be participating in this year's tournament."

Steele presented the keys to the vehicle to the TOC Commit-



shows the importance From left - Arthor Miron, Boyet Centeno, Ben, Babauta, from the TOC Committat Triple J places on the tee and Randy Steele from Triple J Motors.

tee last week.

"We are grateful to Triple J Motors and its continued support of TOC," said Ben Babauta, tournament director. "We know that hole in one prizes are popular with our golfers and Triple J's prize will bring more golfers out for the event."

Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort will host the 15th Annual Tournament of Champions on July 31 and Aug. 1. Show time is 6am and shotgun start is 7am. Registration fee is \$175 for two days of golf and the banquet. For more information and to register, call 236-2511. (PR)

# MARIANAS

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL MVA-RFP-10-2303

For: CNMI Tourism Master Plan for 2011 - 2015

Closing Date: August 10, 2010

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Submit sealed proposals to:

The Division of Procurement & Supply P.O. Box 10008

Saipan, MP 96950

Interested parties may pick up the scope of work and application for local preference at the Marianas Visitors Authority office between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except holidays or by visiting the MVA website at www.mymarianas.com.

/s/ HERMAN SABLAN Director, P&S /s/ PERRY P.TENORIO Managing Director

#### COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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#### INVITATION TO BID ITB10-GOV-116

ADDENDUM NO. 1 07-13-10

**CNMI Brown Tree Snake Program Facility Improvements** 

The previously advertised notice, Invitation To Bids ("ITB") for the "CNMI Brown Tree Snake Program Facility Improvements Project" has been amended. The specific amendment is to extend when bids are due when bids will open.

Amendment shall read:

Bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, July 26, 2010. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time July 26, 2010, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 26, 2010 and must be received no later than August 04, 2010 (Saipan Local Time). Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, August 05, 2010**. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will opened at <u>11:00 a.m. Saipan local time</u>, on July 26, 2010.

All other elements of the ITB remain as originally provided. For further information on this project, please contact the Office of Capital Improvement, Capitol Hill, Saipan, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Monday through Friday, except holidays) or by contacting Mr. Carl Castro, Project Coordinator at 664-2371 or by fax at 664-2408. Questions are due no later than close of business day July 19, 2010.

/s/ Eloy S. Inos, Lieutenant Governor Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands /s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director Procurement & Supply

# Bid to garnish lawsuit award denied

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

The Superior Court has denied Sablan Enterprises Inc.'s motion asking the court to order the Department of Public Works and Office of Personnel Management to pay it all sums to which Felipe Q. Atalig may be entitled to in his lawsuit for his termination as DPW's public information officer.

In an order issued Thursday, associate judge David A. Wiseman determined that since damages have not yet been ascertained in Atalig's civil action against DPW and OPM, it is impossible for the court to determine what portions of the award Sablan En- in 2002 for his alleged wrongterprises is entitled to.

Moreover, Wiseman said, although liability has been established, the fact still remains that Atalig's award in his lawsuit against DPW and OPM is an unliquidated claim.

However, the judge noted, once damages become final, Sablan Enterprises may garnish Atalig's award, subject to Atalig being allowed to present evidence demonstrating what he believes he is entitled to.

Wiseman said the court would then exempt from the attachment any amount as the court deems necessary to support Atalig or his dependents.

Atalig sued DPW and OPM

ful termination as DPW PIO in March 2006 during the administration of former governor Juan N. Babauta.

In February 2010, Wiseman found that Atalig's termination was a violation of Atalig's due process rights.

Wiseman said at the time of his termination, Atalig's position as PIO was covered under the Civil Service Act and did not fall under one of the statutorily exempted positions.

On Feb. 28, 2010, Sablan Enterprises, which had sued Atalig and his Casa de Felipe over a debt, filed a motion that it be given its share in Atalig's award relating to his lawsuit against

DPW and OPM.

In his opposition to the motion, Atalig, through counsel Ramon K. Quichocho, argued, among other things, that Sablan Enterprises' motion is premature since a decision as to damages has yet to be determined.

In his order issued Thursday, Wiseman agreed with Atalig, pointing out that a final judgment has not been entered in Atalig's lawsuit against DPW and OPM, and thus, Atalig's claims "are not attachable or garnishable."

However, Wiseman said, once the judgment becomes final Atalig may attach Sablan Enterprises' award, subject to certain exemptions.

# A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 19, 1999

#### Family Court to set up a mediation system

Disputing family members should think twice before seeking judicial intervention. Taking family disputes to the court, aside from being costly, can create embarrassment and bitterness. Disputes can be resolved through out-of-court mediation, and this is the system which the local Family Court Division is planning to establish. "The mediation program is designed to provide court assistance on family matters; to help family members resolve their own disputes and negotiate an agreement which balances the interest of family members," said Mary Gutierrez, manager of the Family Court Division.

#### **Legislators press for sewer line completion**

Legislators from Precint I on Friday met with Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio to seek his intervention on the much-delayed sewer line project in southern Saipan, claiming that they have been left in the dark as to the fate of this critical infrastructure development. "We want to know exactly when it is going to be continued and the schedule of completion," said Rep. Karl T. Reyes before the meeting at the governor's office. Asked whether the project, which had been a subject of dispute between the Commonwealth Ports Authority and the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, is still being fought over, he said "that's why we want to find out now what happened to the entire project." Reyes, Rep. Manuel A. Tenorio and Rep. Oscar M. Babauta rushed to the governor after the budget hearing. The Legislature would also seek a meeting with CPA and CUC to discuss the status of the project.

#### July 19, 2000

#### House rejects changes to Omnibus bill

The proposed Omnibus Labor and Business Reform Act heads into another round of review after the House of Representatives yesterday rejected amendments made by the Senate. Speaker Benigno R. Fitial, who sponsored the proposal under HB 12-39, said he will call immediately a bicameral conference meeting to iron out differences with the upper house. This is the second time in less than two months that the two chambers clash due to disagreement over legislation. The first was on the FY 2000 budget proposal that the governor later disapproved.

#### Teno hopes Congress shoots down takeover bill

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday expressed hope again that legislation extending federal minimum wage and immigration laws that are pending in the U.S. Congress will not pass despite renewed efforts by some members to revive these measures. "It's been our desire that [they], and we have always asked Congress to please, help us and hopefully the bill will not go through," he told reporters in an interview. The governor was referring to S. 1052—which seeks automatic takeover of CNMI's immigration by the federal government—that was passed by the U.S. Senate last February and is still awaiting action in the lower house.

#### July 19, 2001

#### Gov't scrambles for funds as lobby firm contract nears end

As the clock winds down on the Greenberg Traurig contract, local leaders in the Commonwealth are stepping up efforts to find funding to retain the lobby group, which is in the frontline of efforts to block the proposed federal takeover of the CNMI. Though no decision has been made yet whether to renew the Greenberg Traurig contract, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio said that chief among their concerns is the source of funding if a decision is actually made to renew the contract. He said that he has already met with key business leaders and lawmakers to discuss the matter.

#### For landfill project Judge erred in signing TRO

Superior Court Associate Judge Juan T. Lizama admitted yesterday he erroneously signed a "proposed" temporary restraining order in a lawsuit involving the bidding for the Marpi Solid Waste Facility. The admission was triggered by an objection raised by Assistant Attorney General David Lochabay, who represented the defendants-Procurement and Supply Director Herman S. Sablan and Public Works Secretary Juan B. Cepeda. This resulted in a heated debate between the lawyers of both camps. The judge then declared a 10-minute recess. Upon resumption of the hearing, which lasted for about an hour, the judge conceded: "I think the government has a point to make." But Lizama issued another TRO vesterday after declaring the invalidity of the TRO signed Friday. He scheduled the next hearing on July 25.

#### **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

#### **Article XII on Channel 2**

Citizens for Change of Article XII will be hosting a program on Channel 2 for the next four Tuesdays (July 20, July 27, Aug. 3, and Aug. 10) from 7pm to 7:30pm. Be sure to tune in and learn more about issues relating to Article XII from David Sablan, Alex Sablan, Vince Seman, and others.

#### **House sets session today**

The House of Representatives' sixth special session, originally scheduled for last week, has been rescheduled for this Monday, July 19, 10:00 a.m. in the House Chamber. The notice and agenda can be found at http://www.cnmileg.gov.mp/resources/files/Notice 07 19 10 Hse1stDay6thSpecSess.pdf.

#### **Senate hearing on status** for alien workers

The Senate will hold another public hearing on the status of guest workers, this Wednesday, July 21, 6:00 p.m. in the GTC

Elementary School cafeteria. The notice and agenda can be found at http://www.cnmileg.gov.mp/resources/files/Noti ce\_07\_21.10SenPubHearingonl ong-term.pdf.

#### **CCA** board to meet tomorrow

The Commonwealth Cancer Association board of drectors will be convening its next monthly meeting tomorrow, July 20, at the Department of Public Health Secretary's Conference Room No. 3, starting at 3pm.

The agenda will include adoption of the 2010 Marianas March Against Cancer Report; adoption of the CCA's financial report for the quarter ending June 30, 2010; review of the draft 2009 annual report; discussion of the CCA's application for Pacific CEED Legacy grant funds; reports from the program manager and board committees; and discussion of contract proposals received for maintenance of CCA's medical equipment.

All CCA Board meetings are open to the public, and all are welcome to attend. For more information, call 682-0050 or e-mail cca@ccamarianas.org. (PR)

#### **Survivor support meeting** on July 20

All cancer survivors are invited to attend the survivor support meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at the Hyatt Chamolinian Room, starting at 5:30pm.

This month's survivor support meeting will include a presentation from Erika Miyahira and Danita Henley of University of Hawaii Hilo College of Pharmacy on the safety of natural medicines during and after cancer treatment, followed by a survivors-only discussion.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Joanne Ogo, Comprehensive Cancer Control Program Coordinator, at 236-8728 or e-mail joanne.ogo@ gmail.com. (PR)

#### **Book-signing ceremony at** Library

The CNMI Library Council, Library Friends, and the staff and management of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library announced yesterday that a book-signing ceremony will be held on Wednesday, July 28, 2010, at 5pm, at the Joeten-Kivu Public Library to introduce the recently published book, From Colonization To Self-Government: The Northern Marianas Experience. The event will feature the book's author, retired Chief Justice Jose S.Dela Cruz, who will talk about the book and his reasons for writing the book. He will then take questions from members of the audience present. Afterwards, copies of the book will be available for sale. Forty percent (40%) of the proceeds from the sale will be donated to the library. He will make himself available for the book signing. The public is cordially invited to attend. (PR)

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The Commonwealth Development Authority will put up for sale, its 2000 TOYOTA TACOMA TRUCK located at its SAIPAN OFFICE. The sell will be made by competitive sealed bids. Minimum bid acceptable for the vehicle is \$3,000 and bids should be submitted by 10:00 a.m. Friday, July 23, 2010 at the CDA Office, Wakins Building, Gualo Rai. Bid opening and award to the highest bidder will follow right after the 10:00 a.m. closing. All bids will be publicly announced.

All sealed bids must contain the following information

- Full Name, Address and Contact number

Full payment of the bid amount is required before the property can be removed from the CDA Office. Such payment shall be in U.S. Currency or Certified Check made payable on demand in U.S. Currency to the Commonwealth Development Authority. Payment must be received by 3:00 p.m., Friday, July 23, 2010. Failure to make full payment will cause award to be null and void and the next highest bid will be

CDA reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in said bids or any of them if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the best interest of CDA.

The vehicle will be sold as is and without warranty. Inspection of the vehicle is recommended and may be arranged with Mr. Joaquin Flores any time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays except holidays.

#### VEHICLE SPECIFICATION

MAKE:

MODEL: Tacoma Regular Cab Short Bed COLOR:

MECHANICAL: 4 Cylinder/Automatic/Power Steering and Power Brakes

MILEAGE: 125K OTHER FEATURES: Air Condition AM/FM Radio Cassette

/s/ MANUEL A. SABLAN Executive Director

CONDITION:

### NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 12, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that a Regular Meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, July 20, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room in Garapan, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance at 670:234-6866/7689/7670 during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. thru 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS A. Call to Order

Call to Order Roll Call Adoption of Agenda

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A. February 24, 2010 - Regular Meeting
B. April 15, 2010 - Special Meeting
C. June 04, 2010 - Special Meeting
D. June 15, 2010 - Special Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS A. CDBG Timeliness

CDBG Timeliness Submission of Annual Action Plan & ConPlan Proposed Projects for Program Year 2010

MORTGAGE CREDIT PROGRAMS A. VA Loan Updates B. RD Loan Updates C. HOME Loan for Approval D. Lot No. 003 D 02

PROGRAM & HOUSING
A. REAC Report & Result
B. PHA Plans
1. 5 Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2009-2013
2. Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2010

FIELD OFFICE REPORTS

ADMIN & PROCUREMENT MATTERS VIII.

FISCAL MATTERS A. Travel Policy B. Budget IX.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

OTHER MATTERS
A. Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Application XI.

ADIOURNMENT

NOTE: Pursuant to PL 8-41, Section 13(6) and (7), some discussion of the above may be under

MARCIE M. TOMOKANE

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# Saipan Toothworks moves to the TSL Plaza in Garapan



Fernando Galvan, right, holds the Coca-Cola shirts he redeemed on July 17 using over 300 bottle caps of Coke and Coke products he collected. With Galvan are Coca-Cola sales representative Bill Villagomez

### Galvan redeems 300 bottle caps for unique Coke souvenir items

By CLARISSA V. DAVID REPORTER

What do you do with more than 300 Coke bottle caps? Use them for shopping.

Thirty-five-year old Fernando Galvan amassed over 300 bottle caps of Coke and other Coke products and exchanged them for various Coca-Cola souvenir items during the Collect to Get promo redemption at the Transpac Business Center in Gualo Rai last Saturday.

Collect to Get is a regionwide promo of The Coca-Cola Company that lets you redeem official Coca-Cola merchandise for every number of bottle caps collected.

Redeemable items include vintage Coke caps and shirts, tote bag, sports bottle, mini cooler, volleyball, folding chair, Coleman wheeled cooler, tote bag, mini tent, and inflatable chair.

Alexie Zotomayor, marketing and production coordinator of Coca-Cola affiliate company Glimpses of Saipan, said the Collect to Get promo is their way of showing their appreciation to their customers for their continued patronage of Coke and other Coke products.

Saturday's event held outside the Subway Restaurant was the second redemption promo ends. day conducted by the Cocaone was at Joeten Supermarket July 30.

in Susupe last June 19.

Aside from the redemption day, customers can also redeem Coke knickknacks at the Coca-Cola Office in Chalan Laulau Middle Road, Monday to Friday, from 8am to 5pm.

It was already Galvan's second time to redeem Coke merchandise. He already brought 285 bottle caps of Coke and Coke products during the first redemption day at Joeten Susupe.

Galvan exchanged his initial 285 caps for a Coleman 40-qt wheeled cooler, a Coca-Cola gazebo, an Igloo playmate mini cooler, an inflatable chair, shirts, and koozies.

Last July 17, Galvan brought over 300 bottle caps and exchanged them for loads of Coca-Cola shirts, another wheeled cooler, vintage Coca-Cola caps, and another inflatable chair which he said is for his two shih tzu dogs.

Galvan, who has been on Saipan for seven years, said he has always been a consumer of Coke and its line of products.

When he heard about the promo, Galvan started collecting Coke bottle caps and also asked for more bottle caps from his friends and neighbors.

Galvan plans to collect more bottle caps to redeem more Coca-Cola merchandise before the

The Coca-Cola Collect to Cola Saipan office. The first Get promo runs from June 9 to

#### Tinian film show draws crowd

The Tinian Summer Films Series had a good turnout at the July 17 showing of *Alice in Wonderland*, a movie based on the novel by Lewis Carroll titled Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.

The movie is projected by a high definition Epson projector with a Bose loudspeaker sound system. The image is projected onto the back wall of the pavilion on a screen a little larger than 16 feet wide and 8 feet tall, described Skip Hall, a Tinian resident.

"Tinian residents and visitors to Tinian this summer are encouraged to come watch a movie with family and friends," said Hall.

Next weekend's scheduled movie is *Coraline*.

Movies are shown every Saturday at 7pm at the Kammer Beach Main Pavilion, and are free to the public. (PR)

Saipan's major dental care providers, have relocated to the TSL Plaza in Garapan, with some new equipment and an eager staff ready to get back to work. In moving, the long-time provider has opted for a fresh makeover with tasteful interior design and some new gadgets.

Sophie Chin, the interior designer associated with N15 Architecture Company, Inc. who worked on the new dental office, felt that the project resulted quite well.

"The space is pretty efficient," said Chin. "This space is good. I think that that was the most important thing about it. It the old [facility]. ... Everything fit really well."

The new office sports a calming "glacier" theme, according to Chin. Walking into the treatment area, patients are sure to notice a sparkling, wall-spanning motif with small gems hanging from animated sea creatures.

The project took a total of about three and a half months, according to Christopher Fryling, principal architect at N15 Architecture Company, Inc.

Chin and Fryling worked with Dr. Alan S. Markoff, president of Toothworks Dental Clinic, utilizing three dimensional computer programming to the new office's quick and successful outcome.

Despite this change of location, ToothWorks still offers its traditional quality care. The new care area offers six stations, according to staff, with room being allocated for another station, if necessary. A staff of nine runs the clinic, using some new equipment such as the portable x-ray, electronic anesthesia, and the latest in intra-oral photography.

The clinic is located on the second floor of the TSL Plaza, directly above the USCIS office. It is open from 9am to 5pm, Tuesday to Friday, and 9am to 3pm, Saturday. For more information or to make for an appointment, call 234-3810/3811/3812. (Dencio Manglona)



#### **Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Coastal Resources Management**

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July 19, 2010

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1. Triple J Enterprises	06/28/10 SMS-2010-X-062	60 Three-Bedrooms Apartments	Chalan Kanoa	Major Sitting	Certified Complete (07/14/10)

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10-029	Wastewater Treatment Level 2 Certifie	d 2	\$35,000 To \$42,500 per year un-graded; un-classified	Two Years	Wastewater Division, Saipan
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#### **EDITORIAL**

# Financial reforms represent a solid step forward

he passage of sweeping financial regulation—on the same day the BP oil spill appears to finally have been plugged—provides a nice boost to the Obama administration's domestic team, which has had rougher going than a rescued Gulf Coast pelican.

Like health care reform, Obama's other domestic priority victory, this finance reform bill is historic. Both remain to be tested for effectiveness—and for both, success will depend in large part on how the policies passed by Congress are turned into specific regulations.

Critics say the finance bill fails to genuinely remake Wall Street. It doesn't reform Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, for example. But President Barack Obama scored three huge victories that will benefit Main Street:

- The trillion-dollar over-the-counter derivative business will be brought into the open, shining light on a shadowy industry that wreaked havoc on the U.S. economy by selling repackaged mortgages.
- The creation of a new consumer protection agency that will guard against unfair financial practices by mortgage and credit card companies.
- The new authority to head off the need for taxpayer bailouts of banks that are "too big to fail."

Obama promised that those provisions will "end an era of irresponsibility." But that will depend on how the actual rules are written and enforced. Eleven agencies will need to formalize more than 200 rules. You can bet that Wall Street will invest huge sums to push for the least restrictive rules and weakest enforcement.

As one example, the reforms call on banks to hold more capital to keep themselves solvent when losses occur. But Congress didn't say how much they need to hold, or even how to determine the amount. That will be up to the people writing the rules. Getting the right agencies and individuals to do this work is critical for Obama and must be monitored by watchdogs who support the reforms.

Another critical factor is whether regulators will be savvy enough to use the bill's powers to head off an unanticipated threat to the economy. It's relatively easy to guard against abuses of the past. Anticipating the next threat is immeasurably more challenging.

Major banks actually have grown in size, not shrunk, since Obama took office. The nation's six biggest banks now hold more than \$9 trillion in assets. That's a lot of money in the hands of a few powerful institutions.

Congress gave regulators the power to break up a big bank if it appears to pose a "grave risk" to the nation's economy, perhaps because of insufficient assets. This threat should limit the sort of risk-taking major banks engaged in during the financial crisis. But there will still be immense pressure to leave banks alone. The person who will make that call must be selected with care.

It's impossible to guarantee that financial calamity never will strike again. But the bill passed by Congress can go a long way toward preventing the sort of recklessness and irresponsibility that led to the recent crisis—if the final rules and regulators hold true to Obama's intent.

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### Metanoia

here you go again," I can hear my Tinian colleague say. "Throwing out another word to get us scampering into the dictionary," she would lament. Well, the trip to the dictionary is not my intent, but I am using a decent word widely used in many disciplines.

In rhetoric, *metanoia* (means *changing one's mind* in Greek) is a rhetorical device used to retract a statement just made and restate it in a better or broader sense. Metanoia, like *correctio*, restate in two ways—to weaken the prior declaration or to strengthen it.

In theology, it means "repentance," a turning away from an old state (sin) into another state (grace), thus widely used to depict spiritual conversion like the Paul's famous experience on the way to Damascus.

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; *repent*, and believe in the good news," is an oft-quoted biblical passage taken to mean a turning away from deprecating sin to an altered persona replicating goodwill, compassion, and integrating one's self to cosmic harmony within the blessed created order. Metanoia and repentance in Christian theology are used interchangeably. Recognition of the dynamic is found in almost all religions.

Metanoia in psychology is the process of experiencing a psychotic "breakdown" and a subsequent psychological rebuilding or healing. In Carl Jung's theory, it is the process of reforming the psyche, a productive process where psychotic episodes are not discouraged but be consciously faced so as to reveal and deal with underlying psychopathology.

In religion and Jung's psychology, the phrase "being born again" is appropriate, and in the radical practice of R. D. Laing and the therapeutic community movement, people are encouraged to proceed with a psychological break down so that spontaneous healing can transpire. Self-repairing defense that maintain underlying conflict is thwarted.

Peter Senge, the "learning organization" guru beloved by PSS staff development handbooks, calls metanoia "a shifting of mind"; he considers companies as living organisms capable of learning from being conscious of its limits and capabilities. "Only living beings can learn," he claims, and that describes for us the nature of the human journey. We are in a perpetual learning mode. Those who yearn to be stable and stationary, often longing for a previous time romantically labeled a "golden age," suffer from the illusion of cherished thoughts' dominance over the reality of living through the sunshine and rain of human existence.

Thomas Kuhn, in *The Structure of Scientific Revolution*, the change in human perspective is a "paradigm shift," sadly an overused term. One of the aims of science is to find models that accounts for varied observations within a coherent framework. Science does not aim to be the last word; it only mirrors the most comprehensive context and rational for understanding anything, giving the current state of our knowledge. And as teachers are wont to say: "With knowledge, we teach; with wisdom, we show others how to learn."

This is a roundabout way of getting to our point about two re-

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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cent occurrences on Saipan. First is the ongoing hearing on Judge Govendo's alleged insensitive use of language. It began as a case of judicial ethics.

Ludwig Wittgenstein's wisdom in linguistics that the meaning of a word is in its use, might remind the presiding judges that we are dealing here with conventions rather than law. Having grown up in a heavily Iberian-influenced background, the word "muchacho" has never meant "slave"; at its pejorative worst, it denotes a male house worker, a "servant." Contemporary slang use actually connotes, "a naughty boy"! By all accounts, the defendant to whom the word was addressed was reportedly more than naughty.

So Justices, can we move on now? Like, don't we have heavier issues to deal with in our judicial salas!?! OK. We'll call the judge *Ken Muchacho* for a year. Good enough?

The other pseudo-issue in my book is that of the Board of Regents at NMC being blamed for the current state of affairs at the community college. The press quoted Janet King as expressing "hurt feelings" over the latest WASC communiqué. Reading the rest of her sentiments, one reads the hurt feeling as expressed disappointment and displeasure over an assessment report that delved with what has yet to be corrected without highlighting equally what has so far been attained. Good assessors know that statements against objectives are best couched in attainments and shortcomings were one to spur action rather than drown recipients in despair.

I have not perused the report, but the sniping on the side gives credence to NMC instructor Rik Villegas' claim that a concerted effort was and is being made by a group of former NMC students and staff to influence WASC with massive e-mails and sensational public media reports. The politics of attrition practiced islandwide is in full display.

Were we to shift focus on what and how our populace are to learn, and how NMC is to significantly provide the learning environment to do the job, we might be heading someplace. For now, we are like a dog chasing its own tail, going round and round. Interference is not an issue in a time of interdependence. Interference that is bullying is a bullying issue, not interference.

The social breakdown, locally and globally, is irrefutable. Metanoia? Sometimes, when the mind shifts radically, some of us in the Christian tradition hear Verdi's *Te Deum* on the background, and have been known to burst spontaneously into Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*. Who said I do not appreciate tradition?

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# What if God ordered Noah to build an ark today?

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oday let's forget all the worries drumming on our heads. Instead let's enjoy a few moments of humor. Hope you enjoy the following as much as I have in sharing them with you.

Remember the story about God ordering Noah to build an ark because he was going to cause a giant flood? Now imagine that Noah lived on Saipan today. The story might go something like this.

One day out of the Heavens, the Lord spoke to Noah: "In one year, I am going to make it rain and cover the earth with water. But I want to save the righteous people and two of every kind of living thing on earth. Therefore I am commanding you to build an ark."

Then the Lord gave Noah the specifications of the ark. "Remember," said the Lord, "You must complete the ark and bring everybody aboard in one year."

Exactly one year later, fierce storm clouds covered the earth and all the seas of the earth went into a tumult. The Lord saw that Noah was sitting in his front yard weeping. "Noah," He shouted. "Where is the ark?"

"Lord, forgive me," cried Noah, "I did my best, but there were big problems. First, I had to get a permit for construction from the Department of Public Works, and your plans did not meet the building codes. I had to hire an engineering firm to redraw the plans.

"Then I got into a fight with the U.S. Coast Guard over whether or not the ark needed a sprinkler system and approved floatation devices. My neighbor objected, claiming I was violating zoning ordinances by building the ark in my front yard. So I had to get a variance from the Coastal Resources Management. Then I had problems getting enough wood for the ark because there is a ban on cutting trees to protect the spotted owl. I finally convinced the Department of Lands and Natural Resources that I really needed the wood to save the owls. However, Fish and Wildlife wouldn't let take the two owls.

"The carpenters formed a union and went on strike. I had to negotiate a settlement with the Department of Labor before anyone would pick up a hammer and saw.

"When I started rounding up the other animals, an animal rights group sued me. They objected to my taking only two of each kind aboard. This suit is still pending.

"Meanwhile, the Department of Environmental Quality notified me that I could not complete the ark without filling an environmental impact statement on your proposed flood. They also insisted on a public hearing. They didn't take very kindly to the idea that they had no jurisdiction over the conduct of the Creator of the Universe. Then the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers demanded a map of the proposed flood plan. I sent them the globe.

"The Internal Revenue Service has seized my assets claiming that I'm building the ark in preparation of fleeing the country to avoid paying taxes. The Boating Safety Office is angry that I failed to register the ark as a recreational watercraft.

"And finally, the American Civil Liberties Union got the courts to issue an injunction against further construction of the ark, saying that since God is flooding the earth it is a religious event and therefore unconstitutional. Lord, I really don't think I can finish the ark for another five or six years," Noah paused and waited.

The sky began to clear, the sun began to shine, and the seas began to be calm. A rainbow arched across the sky. Noah looked up hopefully. "You mean you're not going to destroy the earth, Lord?"

"No," said God sadly, "I don't have to. The government already has!"

Here is another chuckler to make you smile and brighten your day.

A farmer whose crops had done poorly, decided to "borrow" a few bushels of produce from a neighboring farm. So one dark night, the farmer and his 8-year-old son headed home from a distant corner of the neighbor's field. They carried with them several large bushels filled with "borrowed" produce.

When they reached the fence separating the two fields, the farmer looked carefully to the left and to the right and behind him. Just as he was about to step over the fence from the neighbor's field with his baskets filled with an abundance of produce, the tense silence was broken by the young boy: "Daddy, you forgot to look up!"

And then there was Patrick, an Irishman, who was a painter. He was a good painter but he had a bad habit of cheating his customers. Whenever he painted anyone's house he would always thin the paint so as to make more money by using less paint. One day he got a job to paint the local church.

High up on a scaffold, he started to paint in his usual manner. Suddenly the skies opened up and a thunderstorm and lightening flashed across the sky. Patrick shocked by the sudden storm fell off the scaffold. Lying on the ground out of breath and feeling that he was about to die yelled: "Lord, don't take me. Let me live. I will repent!"

A voice boomed out of the Heavens down to Patrick: "Thin no more! Thin no more! Repaint! Repaint!"

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### Tinilaikan Kliman Paraisu

#### By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

DelRosario is a regular contributor to the Saipan Tribune's Opinion Section.



n' ogaan, sige hu rikohe pinedoñg agasas yan pontan gi papa' troñkun niyog. Ha gu'ot attensionhu i pinedoñg apaka' flores lemon gi un' banda ni tumampe i tanu. Buente yinite' ni motmut uchan yan mañglu guihe na

Fresko i haane. Felis siñienteghu buente pot finatton tiempon uchan. Mauleg para i tinanom siha gi hegsu yan kanton tasi. Siklu na tinilaika gi klima. Mientras tantos, mafatto gi hinasoghu kau parehu este yan kinalamten appenas fondu gi kahan publiku.

Makat huna' kontentuyu' na "huñgan" sa' malahyu mampos floresña i sigundu attikulu. Lau gi hilu todus este, guaha dididi esperansa na siña ta tutuhon lumimienda gaston operasion gobietnu yangin guaha metgot na diniseha para ta fana problemata sin ditension.

Gi mismu tiempu, mas makat este na pinetsige pot chadegña maribahan fondu diariamente ke hafa marikokohe. Tinetpe este ni taya' chochu gi komunidan bisnis. Dipsues faktu na megai na bisnis humuchom pettan niha deste mediu nobenta siha na sakan. Pues taya katsu para yangin mana' fan para gi chechu niha empleau gobietnu.

Mattu gi didog mas i tiempon eskases 'sino hai'las. I tafafana' na kontrariu sumen mapot ta sodae' prontu yan kabales na satbasion. Estague' 'nai debi u guaha ensegidas huntan man-magasta ya u guaha satton na ininan satbasion. Lastimas i bonitun haane. Macha'ba' i mañge' na siñienteghu 'nai linimus ni un' manadan dibin gobietnu ni nina' tailaye chansaña sumueddu i empleauña siha.

#### Asuntun Attikulu Dose

Guaha prinipone para umana' petmanente ayu na probision i chumoma' i dueñon tanu gi uttimu disposison tano'ña.

Mana' sesetbe espantu gi ma-esplilikan este gi tautau siha tat komu siempre gumai tanu i tautau hiyong.

Ti mapot este na dibina: Muñga 'nai manmanbende tanu! Lau i disposision tanu praibet, taya' siña umentalu ke mismu i dueñu!

Lau yagin un taitai hafa este na asuntu ha sasañgan, klaru siempre un' soda' na ti hagu ni dueñon tanu para un' dispone disposision tano'mu. Gaige este mediu na direchu gi publiku.

Alakuenta masañgañgane hau na esta pagu ti un' tuñgu dumispone tano-mu. Kau dinanche este na hinassu?

I prinsipiun dueñon tanu un' asuntu na ti siña un' tulaika 'sino entalue'. Solu i dueñu siña mamatinas kabales na disposision gi tano'ña. Taigue este gi presente na probision Attikulu Dose.

Humanau-yu para i Post Office Chalan Kanoa para bai' rikonose kau guaha kattaghu. Manadan tautau mamifila pot check stimulus. Guaha man-huyoñg mañachaleg, guaha lokue mumuyu' sa' ti malagnos salapeña.

Hulie' lokue amiguhu Magoo fumifila. Hu faisen hafa nañgaiña. Ilegña guiya lokue guaha check stimulus mamamaila'. Sige ham chumaleg tuyan. Era, hu keke lagnos ginen i fila pot para u tutubo talu

Ha dispensan ñaihon-gue pot para u fila. Mientras humahanau, ilegña: "Guiya este Iku i mafanana'an 'Check Matmus'! Estayu ambre ya hu nesesita alimientu sa' tinanahoñg ni check foodstamps". Ai de dios i amiguhu.

Gi fina picnic, sige i boys matanchu amanu 'nai makone tropan hiting, haiting, maniniñg, mafute, yan otru siha guihan. Lau puru

este siha na boys man-kalu esta temun niha. Hu faisen kau sisiña ha' man-peska. Ni uni umoppe-yu.

Hu dage na hagas-yu paire na peskadot ya esta pagu sumen mau-

Hu dage na hagas-yu paire na peskadot ya esta pagu sumen mauleg-yu yan fisga 'sino pachiñko'. Era ti matuñgu' na i ice chest kanton chalan 'nai lumiliof-yu'. De dios mihu! I came across some interesting trivia the other day I want to share with you. About 100 years ago what was life like? Let's flashback:

- A. Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.
- B. Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.
- C. There were only about 8,000 cars on the roads and only 144 miles of paved roads.
- D. The maximum speed in most cities was 10 MPH.
- E. The average wage was 22 cents an hour.
- F. The average worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.
- G. A dentist earned \$2,500 per year.
- H. More than 95 percent of the births took place at home.
- I. 90 percent of all doctors had no college degree. Instead they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and the government as substandard.
- J. Sugar cost 4cents a pound.
- K. Eggs cost 14 cents a pound.
- L. Coffee was 15 cents a pound.
- M. Most women washed their hair only once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

N. Only 6 percent of Americans had graduated from high school. Compare our present day to the above. Now imagine what life will be like in another 100 years from now!

On a somber note before I go. Please remember if we don't help ourselves, no one else will. Let's start doing it now before it is too late. Have a great day and plaster a giant smile on your face to share with all you meet. May the Good Fairy sprinkle magic dust on your day to help you smile while enjoying a beautiful life and our blue sky with its radiant sun beaming down on our bountiful land!

#### Letters to the Editor

### A couple of ideas

Much has been said on how to improve our economy. Simple but painful are the following solutions that we must adhere to:

- 1.) Follow the steps that big and small businesses here on Saipan are now undertaking. Businesses downsized their employees because some of their services are no longer required. The government can also do this. At present, we have some government agencies whose services are no longer needed. Carolinian, Indigenous Affairs, Women, Youth, Baseball, and fishing derby should be reduced in manpower or shut down completely. No offense but we have to do it the way the private sectors is doing it. I know some of you will be hurt with my comment. My idea is not about hurting people, but to try and fix the economy. I cannot afford any further increases in the fuel surcharge to run CUC's engines.
- 2.) The monthly allowance of Rota, Tinian, Saipan, and Northern Islander leaders must be reduced. Every step must be taken now by our leaders in fulfilling this task. The private sector is doing it. The government can also do it. The members of the Legislature need to be reduced in size. It is way out of proportion in ratio to our population. The leaders can start drafting this idea and put on the ballot as another initiative for the people to decide.

#### Thomas Aquino Cabrera Camacho

Chalan Piao, Saipan

### Belated insight

In the complaint lodged some months ago against Judge Kenneth Govendo by Judge Mona Manglona, Govendo was initially charged with using what was labeled the racist word "muchacho" in addressing a defendant in his courtroom.

In apparent reinforcement of the complaint, Justice pro tem Ed Manibusan noted, in a hearing this past Thursday, that the term "muchacho" means "slave" in the Chamorro language.

What has been ignored and overlooked is the fact that Govendo is not Chamorro. It is only reasonable to assume that he was using the term in the mainland sense of the word, where it is defined as "young man." (See the *New Oxford American Dictionary*, 2nd edition.)

Also overlooked and ignored is the fact that the person addressed by Govendo is not Chamorro either. He is a Filipino, where, again, the word is understood to refer to a young male, not a slave.

The whole argument about the use of "muchacho" would, therefore, seem to be irrelevant.

The word was apparently offensive to someone who happened to overhear it used in court. But it was not offensive to the person so addressed. Nor was it used—or intended—as an offensive epithet by the judge. If no offense was meant, and none taken, where is the issue?

It seems rather unreasonable to call a judge's adherence to judicial canons into question simply because a bystander chose to take offense at the use of a word whose meaning was only offensive to the bystander.

#### **Ruth Tighe**

Tanapag, Saipan

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# The Weather

#### 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian



Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

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Palau Yap

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**Around The Globe** 



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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Partly cloudy with isolated showers

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Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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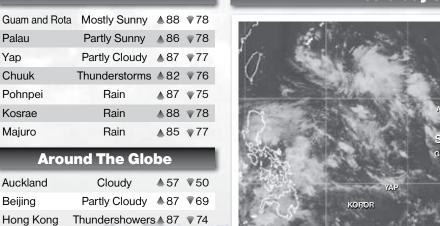


Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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#### Yesterday's Satellite Image



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An upper-level trough extends southeastward from an upper low centered southeast of Okinawa at 24N133E to another upper low centered south of Minami Torishima at 18N156E, then turns northeastward to beyond 180 at 23N. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring near the trough north of Yap and southwest of IWO to island, or north of a line from 11N130E to 20N140E. Similar weather is also seen over northern CNMI within 85 miles of a line from 23N141E to 17N144E to 16N151E. Scattered showers are found east of the Marianas within 90 miles of a line from 20N153E to 16N156E to 11N156E.Trade-wind convergence is creating scattered showers southeast of Palau between the equator and 4N from 134E to 145E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are evident from south of Chuuk north-

eastward to Pohnpei and Kosrae within 180 miles of a line from 3N149E to 2N154E

to 8N167E. Widely scattered showers are present farther east over the Marshall is-

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## NMC gets the shaft

By IVAN PROPST

SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE



little over a week ago, the main headline in the *Saipan Tribune* read, "NMC on Show-Cause Again." A more fitting headline would have been, "NMC Gets the Shaft"

The Accrediting Commission for Junior and Community Colleges has pronounced unfair judgment on Northern Marianas College on the basis of an outrageously faulty report conducted during a mere two-day visit to NMC on April 13 and 14, 2010.

It may well be that NMC is deserving of this harsh sanction—a sanction that affects literally thousands in our community, but the so-called evidence presented in this egregious report is clearly weak and does not support the action taken. The report cover indicates that it represents the findings of an "evaluation team." Two individuals spending two days to evaluate NMC is certainly far less than adequate to conduct a thorough evaluation of the institution, especially when the purpose of the evaluation is to determine the institution's adherence to accreditation standards/eligibility requirements and to take action on its accreditation status. (By comparison, I once spent eight weeks on a six-member team that conducted an educational evaluation for the U.S. Agency for International Development.) What makes the situation even more appalling is that NMC paid for it—estimated at over \$5,000! Finally, the accrediting commission, by virtue of its unquestionably accepting a report based on such specious reasoning, is demonstrating that it considers us folks out here to be silent, ignorant islanders—not intelligent enough to discern the difference between credible and questionable evaluation methods, and not concerned enough to speak out about it.

If one removes NMC's accreditation history and the 10 recommendations from the 10 pages of narrative that make up the report, the remaining five pages are the portion that present the team's observations and findings—five pages that are filled with glittering generalities, loaded words, and very little substantive evidence. While ACCJC has established guidelines that call for evaluation and assessment to be based on facts and data, this report, on the other hand, is a model of how not to conduct an evaluation. It smacks of hypocrisy for ACCJC to accept a report that should have been rejected outright because it does not adhere to ACCJC's own evaluation/assessment guidelines.

So what's so bad about the report, which is posted on NMC's Web site and you can read for yourself?

First off, the report reads more like a criminal investigation than an evaluation report. The words "admitted" and "acknowledged" are used no less than seven separate times in the pertinent five pages; in six of those times, they are used in statements about NMC Regents. Here are two examples: "Individual regents admitted to ...." and "Both the interim President and the Board Chair admitted to ...." In one of those six statements, the sentence reads, "Several of the newly-appointed regents readily admitted to... Knowing that the team members had called for meeting with each Regent individually, these statements conjure up the image of a Regent sitting in an interrogation room while responding to allegations; and if the response was out of line with what had been pre-determined, out came a club to whack them on the shins. Furthermore, both team members were present when the individual interviews were conducted! Such tactics demean our Regents (as well as our faculty, staff, and students), and is an insult to our entire community. With regard to the statement containing the phrase "readily admitted to," a critical reader should readily notice that the admission is attributed to "several of the newly-appointed regents." There are three recently-appointed Regents. One wonders how many of those three it takes to comprise a group of "several." It is amazing that ACCJC Commissioners were so readily deceived. One can only conclude that they had made up their minds prior to the report being filed and that it wasn't read by inquiring minds.

A second problem is that the authors themselves do not have strong convictions about their findings. So, as they draw definite conclusions based on flimsy or no evidence, they hedge by using the terms "seems/appears/believes," which are contained in thirteen separate instances in the five relevant pages. Again, here are examples: "Several members of the college leadership are so new in their respective positions that they seem...." and "the Board of Regents appeared to be more focused on..." "Seeming to" and "appearing to" engage in questionable or improper actions are hardly concrete evidence. And how much stock can be put into a belief that some action took place?

This brings up a third major problem with the report. The authors craftily replace their lack of data with the use of terms like "several/many/some/numerous/nearly all." A reader can easily and deceptively be drawn into agreement with the authors' conclusions as they ignore data and use these terms 28 separate times to replace specificity. (Is it conceivable that such was the case with the Commissioners—that they were duped?) The term "several" is used no less than 14 times! Here are just three examples: several faculty members, several Regents, and several of those interviewed. One wonders how many Regents it takes to make "several," as there are

only seven Regents, and according to the report, only six of them were interviewed. The phrase "several regents" was used eight times, giving the impression that the statements which contained that phrase represent a widely held view on the part of the Board. Such a view may not be warranted at all.

Then there is a fourth concern, the use of highly charged words, which prompt emotional rather than rational responses from the reader: "internecine warfare between faculty and staff factions," "morose and fearful," "rail against," "climate of fear," "a state of confusion and unrest," "expressed dismay," and "seemed despondent." These words are not used as quotes from those interviewed, but most often as the authors' summary of the interview sessions

A fifth fault is that the authors never give the number of faculty, staff, or students that they actually interviewed or met with. Such information is normally standard in reports of this type, sometimes in an appendix. The only specificity with regard to the number of people interviewed is the number of Regents (six) and identification of administrative personnel (five including the interim President) and the Faculty President and the Staff President. They do cite Student Government, but make no mention of the number of students in this group. They also claim in some cases that a conclusion is based on clear evidence, but they do not bother to present the evidence, as in "The team determined that there is clear evidence that the board is not acting autonomously from the Commonwealth government." Are we to accept their claim on the basis of faith? Obviously the Commission did.

A sixth problem is with two of the team's sources of information, which they do cite: "The team also received numerous unsolicited emails from current and former employees as well as reviewed numerous articles in the local newspapers the *Saipan Tribune* and the *Marianas Variety*." These sources raise the following questions: Were the emails anonymous? If so, why would they be acceptable? How many separate individuals did the emails come from? Is it possible that multiple messages came from the same individual? Are local newspapers credible sources of information for such an important report? Was there any attempt to verify the information in the newspaper articles that the authors relied upon in making their observations/findings and drawing their conclusions?

Concern number seven deals with the paucity of information presented in the portion of the report that concludes that NMC falls short in terms of its meeting two Eligibility Requirements and five Standards—those that deal with Institutional Financial Management and Integrity. Namely, the report charges that governmental influence and pressure undermines NMC's autonomy and that the College has failed to take corrective action on deficiencies noted in audits of its federally funded programs for fiscal years ending in 2008 and 2009.

With respect to governmental influence, here are four statements from the report: "The team heard numerous examples and allegations of governmental interference with college operations. Prior to the team visit, the Commonwealth governor announced a proposal to reduce NMC staffing by nine positions as an austerity measure.

... There was no recognition, among the interviewed Regents, that the Commonwealth government's ability to dictate college staffing infringed on institutional autonomy [emphasis added]... Numerous interviews, with Regents and with staff, revealed a common belief of both direct and indirect political influence. The team determined that there is clear evidence [emphasis added] that the Board is not acting autonomously from the Commonwealth government." Although the claim is made that the evidence clearly supports the authors' contention that the CNMI government is interfering with college operations and that such infringes on NMC autonomy, only one example is given. And this one example was probably taken from a local newspaper article.

There are two problems here: the authors made no attempt to verify the information they presented as factual, and they clearly did no research to try to understand the CNMI budget process. (I suspect that someone may have tried, but the two "team" members were not open to information that didn't support their pre-established convictions.) In the CNMI government budget process, each governmental agency/department is directed to submit a budget request to the Governor's Budget Office. The Governor's Budget Office then compiles the requests and checks the total of all requests against the projected government revenues for the pertinent fiscal year. Invariably, the total amount for the requests is many millions of dollars more than the amount of the projected revenues. Because the Governor is required by law to submit a balanced budget to the CNMI Legislature, he and his Budget Office must decide how much to allocate each department/agency. The result is that the budget proposal submitted to the Legislature is almost always less than the amount requested by the agency/department. This is what happened in this case. Simply put, the amount to be allocated to NMC was less than the amount that it requested. The Governor definitely did not "reduce NMC staffing by nine positions" as stated in the report. The source of such information was not cited; however, there was a Saipan Tribune article on April 12, 2010 which carried the title: "Fitial Zeroes out 12 Posts for NMC." (Note that this article indicates 12, not 9, positions.) Whether it was 9 positions, or 12, or 4 (as the Budget Office states), the point it is important to note that these were all vacant positions and they were not cut from NMC's officially adopted consolidated budget. The vacant positions were part of NMC's budget request.

Equally important to know is that NMC's budget request is primarily for personnel costs; operations funds come from NMC's collected revenues such as tuition and fees, indirect costs for administrating federal grants, federal funding, donations, fund raising drives, etc. Once the Legislature passes a budget law, NMC is free to spend the personnel allocations on whatever positions it sees fit. Such has been the case for decades and has not changed. A copy of the Governor's 2011 budget proposal to the CNMI Legislature, obtained from the Governor's Budget Office for the purpose of this letter, shows only a reduction in the amount requested by the Governor for NMC as compared with the amount that NMC requested. The number of positions in both the NMC request and the Governor's proposal remains at 116 positions. Of utmost importance in this lengthy (but necessary) explanation is the fact that the Governor did not dictate college staffing. Other than this one example, the report gives no factual evidence to merit its contention that the CNMI government is interfering with college operations.

With respect to the audits, there is no mention made about the severity of the deficiencies. Were they major problems or slight oversights? Also, the report implies that the Regents are at fault for not knowing about this. However, one might well contend that the CEO is responsible for addressing this and keeping the Regents informed. So might the former President be at fault here? Although this is not offered as an excuse for not dealing with these audit deficiencies, it is to NMC's credit that the institution has accepted this finding and has already begun taking steps to deal with it.

One final matter that somehow got lost in this evaluation. The former President was suspended in January 2010. The team visit occurred only three months later. The report stated that "the College has experienced considerable turnover in all but one senior administrative position. Several positions are staffed with "acting" appointments. The interviewed incumbents expressed that they were unsure of their roles...." It's hard to imagine that the college would have gotten as bad as described in report in only three months if the former President had seen to it that these key positions were filled by competent administrators who were trained regarding their role and could have carried on in the absence of the former President. Moreover, no mention whatsoever is made of the disproportionately high turnover in top administrative and faculty positions during the term of the former President. Let's assume that all the findings were adequately supported and that NMC is in the state which the report would have us believe. If so, shouldn't the report be more supportive of the Regents' decision to remove the former President?

I've learned that the college made at least two attempts to call ACCJC's attention to the poor quality of this report and to point out specific faulty details—once in an email message to the ACCJC president and once in a statement before the commission at the June meeting in California. The following is a portion of the interim president's statement before the commission at its June 2010 meeting in San Francisco:

"...what concerns us most about the April 13-14, 2010 ACCJC Special Visit Report is that several claims in the report offer no specific and/or direct evidence but rely, rather, on hearsay, circumstantial evidence, and inaccurate and unreliable media reports. As a result, some of the claims in the report overstate their case, use superlative language, and border on exaggeration.

"As active participants in an accreditation process that relies on evidence-based, data-driven decision making, it behooves all of us to ensure that when making observations, claims, or recommendations, we do so fairly and objectively, based on hard evidence, not rumor, gossip, or tabloid journalism. We hope that the commission will keep this in mind when deliberating on the report.

In both instances, the very well-stated and highly justified position of NMC was obviously rejected.

I long for the good old days—when the Accrediting Commission was more of a mentor and offered helpful assistance instead of being our adversary. The commission's role as primarily a policing agent does not serve the Micronesian colleges well. Let's be clear, however; we're not asking for a free pass and for deficiencies to be overlooked—just some guidance, understanding, and empathetic concern—and competent evaluators.

In closing, here's my personal thinking: the CNMI community should be outraged by this report and the action taken on the basis of it. ACCJC owes the CNMI an apology due to its careless action; ACCJC should withdraw its sanction of NMC; and ACCJC should see to it that a proper evaluation of the circumstances at NMC be conducted—at its own expense.

Propst served NMC in various capacities from 1986 to 2007. He has over three decades of training and experience in the field of evaluation and assessment at all levels of education, which includes considerable training in the field by federal government program officials and ACCJC representatives.

# **Business**

# FoodTalk opens in Garapan



enough Filipino restaurants.

Case in point is the opening last month of FoodTalk along Middle Road, Garapan, right across MIHA Housing.

Owned and operated by the husband-and-wife team of Ronnie and Mylene Guevarra, FoodTalk takes over from the former Miggy's Restaurant and serves mainly Filipino food with a smattering of Continental, Japanese, Korean, and Chinese fare.

While bulalo, crispy pata, and pancit Malabon continue to be a staple in the restaurant's short-order menu, FoodTalk has reinforced these all-time favorites with their versions of *lomi*. fried chicken, tokwa't baboy, and pancit Molo.

Of the aforementioned dishes, Mylene avers to the lip-smacking taste of their fried chicken and tokwa't baboy creations.

She said their friend chicken is delectably crispy on the outside and tender on the inside, while their tokwa't baboy is made of only the freshest tofu; and in lieu of pork ears, they use pork belly.

As an added bonus, Ronnie said FoodTalk's offerings are



soup, and juice comes with the \$3 price tag for one choice and \$5 for two choices.

"It's our little way of thanking our customers for choosing to eat at our restaurant. They are always sure to get the most buck for their money at FoodTalk," he said.

Mylene also said that \$2.75 pre-packed breakfasts will continue to be served at FoodTalk with one twist—all their longanizas, tapas, and tocinos are homemade.

#### **Catering background**

service with Jollykat Catering, which they began operating in 2004, and for Mylene, Food-Talk is just a natural progression to their business plan.

"When the opportunity came to open a restaurant I gladly accepted it. It's been a while since I wanted to have my own restaurant as I've always had a passion for cooking and serving food," she said.

Ronnie, for his part, said they are blessed that clients of their catering company have all-in-one meals as appetizer, The Guevarras started in food happily migrated to FoodTalk,

which had resulted in business buzzing especially during lunch and dinner.

"Folk on Saipan work hard all the time and sometimes have no time to prepare their meals for lunch and dinner," said Ronnie. "We're more than happy to serve them."

FoodTalk seats 32 customers and is open Sunday-Saturday, from 6am to 11pm. It also offers free delivery for purchases of more than \$10. For more information, call 233-8255. (Saipan Tribune)

#### The Gulf waits: Oil is plugged, but for how long? catches they could take home.

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)—The** Gulf Coast found itself in an odd moment of limbo Saturday: The oil has been stopped, but no one knows if it's corked for good.

The clock expired on BP's 48-hour observation period and the government added another day of critical monitoring. Scientists and engineers were optimistic that the well showed no obvious signs of leaks, but were still struggling to understand puzzling pressure readings emerging from the bottom of the sea.

It's possible the past three days will be only a brief reprieve from the flow of oil bleeding into the Gulf. Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the government's point man on the crisis, decided Saturday that after the testing was complete, the cap will be hooked up through pipes to ships on the surface that will collect the oil.

That likely means releasing crude back into the water temporarily to relieve pressure. It still would not be gushing at the rate it had been before BP's latest fix.

It will take months, or possibly years for the Gulf to recover. But if the coast was on edge about the impending decision, it wasn't apparent.

In fact, there were signs that



Oil is seen on the side of a Munson boat as well as the Gulf Coast Responder oil skimming vessel on the Gulf of Mexico near the coast of Louisiana Saturday, July 17, 2010. Together, the two vessels pull a boom in a "J" formation to contain oil that leaked from the Deepwater Horizon oil well.

people were trying to get life or at least a small part of it back to normal.

In coastal Alabama, lounge chairs for rent outside of hotels were full and swimmers bobbed in emerald green water virtually oil-free, save for a few small tar balls.

Calls started flooding into the reservations switchboard at Kaiser Realty Inc. in Gulf Shores, Ala., almost as soon as BP confirmed Thursday that oil had stopped flowing into the Gulf, said marketing director Emily Gonzales.

"Are they what we want them to be? No, but it is far better than

it was," she said.

People also were fishing again, off piers and in boats, after most of the recreational waters in Louisiana were reopened late this week. More than a third of federal waters are still closed and off-limits to commercial fishermen.

"I love to fish," said Brittany Lawson, hanging her line off a pier beside the Grand Isle Bridge. "I love to come out here."

Lawson and her boyfriend's family were catching redfish, mullet and flounder, but mostly hard-head catfish, a throwback fish. They planned to keep the

"It is encouraging. We're getting bites. I mean, it's catfish. But it's bites. It's something,' she said.

And even though it was only days since the oil was turned off, the naked eye could spot improvements on the water. The crude appeared to be dissipating quickly on the surface of the Gulf around the Deepwater Horizon site.

Members of a Coast Guard crew that flew over the wellhead Saturday said far less oil was visible than a day earlier. Only a colorful sheen and a few long streams of rust-colored, weathered oil were apparent in an area that was covered by huge patches of black crude weeks earlier. Somewhere between 94 million and 184 million gallons have spilled into the Gulf, according to government estimates.

Kendra Sanders was buying Creole tomatoes at a produce stand in Jesuite Bend. "At least we still got these. Until a hurricane comes along and blows the oil in here. Then it'll be no shrimp and no vegetables," she said.

The one certainty is this: No new oil has been added to the mess for two days now since BP's experimental cap was holding, at least for now.

### A guide for dealing with foreclosure

By NOAH MATTHEWS

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#### **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

#### Apple CEO on antenna problem: 'We aren't perfect'

CUPERTINO, Calif. (AP)— A perfect iPhone? There's no app for that. Apple Inc. will give free protective cases to buyers of its latest iPhone to prevent reception problems that occur when people cover a certain spot on the phone with a bare hand. CEO Steve Jobs apologized Friday to people who are less than satisfied with the iPhone 4, even as he denied it has an antenna problem that needs fixing. "We're not perfect," Jobs said at a news conference. "Phones aren't perfect." The more than 3 million people who have already bought an iPhone 4 can go to Apple's website starting late next week and sign up for a free case, he said. Apple can't make enough of its \$29 "Bumper" cases for everyone, so the company will let people chose from several case styles. New buyers through Sept. 30 will also be eligible. Apple will send refunds to people who already bought a Bumper.

#### Banks eye higher fees to boost declining revenue

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Big banks facing big drops in revenue are looking to Main Street to make up the difference. Checking accounts, bank statements, even popping into your local bank branch could carry a hefty cost as the nation's mega-banks scramble

to offset expected damage from the sweeping financial overhaul. The uncertain future has overshadowed otherwise strong second-quarter earnings at JPMorgan Chase & Co., Citigroup Inc. and Bank of America Corp. All three companies beat expectations this week with profitable results. Yet their stocks tumbled, helping send the wider market sharply lower Friday. The reason: Investors are worried about banks' future earning power after Thursday's passage of the most dramatic rewriting of banking rules since the Great Depression. Adding to the pessimism are falling trading profits-which all three banks mentioned in the their earnings reports-and weak U.S. loan demand.

#### **Giant oil skimmer** won't work in Gulf spill cleanup

NEW ORLEANS (AP)-A giant oil skimmer brought in from Portugal is too big to be used in the Gulf cleanup effort. The Taiwanese vessel "A Whale" was deployed last week along the oil-slicked Gulf Coast. But it's been determined the skimmer didn't collect enough oil. The U.S. Coast Guard says it was too big to maneuver around the smaller patches and ribbons of oil on the water. Smaller, more agile vessels have been more useful in getting at the oil. Nearly 33 million gallons of an oil-water mix have been recovered.

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# **Nation**

# Immigrant deaths in Arizona desert soaring in July

PHOENIX (AP)—The number of deaths among illegal immigrants crossing the Arizona desert from Mexico is soaring so high this month that the medical examiner's office that handles the bodies is using a refrigerated truck to store some of them, the chief examiner said Friday.

The bodies of 40 illegal immigrants have been brought to the office of Pima County Medical Examiner Dr. Bruce Parks since July 1. At that rate, Parks said the deaths could top the singlemonth record of 68 in July 2005 since his office began tracking them in 2000.

"Right now, at the halfway point of the month, to have so many is just a very bad sign," he said. "It's definitely on course to perhaps be the deadliest month of all time."

From Jan. 1 to July 15, the office has handled the bodies of 134 illegal immigrants, up from 93 at the same time last year and 102 in 2008. In 2007, when the office recorded the highest annual deaths of illegal immigrants, 140 bodies had been taken there through July 15.

Parks said his office, which handles immigrant bodies from three counties, is currently storing roughly 250 bodies and had to start using a refrigerated



#### **BRUSH FIRE**

Firefighters work to control a brush fire above Refugio State Park North of Santa Barbara, Calif., Saturday July 17, 2010, Authorities say a brush fire near the California ranch of former President Ronald Reagan has consumed 30 acres and sent thick smoke over mountains north of Santa Barbara. U.S. Forest Service spokesman Eric Garcia says firefighters using water-dropping helicopters fully surrounded the blaze in about four hours Saturday.

### 94 charged in Medicare scams totaling \$251M

MIAMI (AP)—Elderly Russian immigrants lined up to take kickbacks from the backroom of a Brooklyn clinic. Claims flooded in from Miami for HIV treatments that never occurred. One professional patient was named in nearly 4,000 false Medicare claims.

Authorities said busts carried out this week in Miami, New York City, Detroit, Houston and Baton Rouge, La., were the largest Medicare fraud takedown in history—part of a massive overhaul in the way federal officials are preventing and prosecuting the crimes.

In all, 94 people—including several doctors and nurses-were charged Friday in scams totaling \$251 million. Federal authorities, while touting the operation, cautioned the cases represent only a fraction of the estimated \$60 billion to \$90 billion in Medicare fraud absorbed by taxpayers each year.

For the first time federal officials have the power to overhaul the system under Obama's Affordable Care Act, which gives them authority to stop paying a provider they suspect is fraudulent. Critics have complained the current process did nothing more than rubber-stamp payments to fraudulent providers.

"That world is coming to an end," Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius told The Associated Press after speaking at a health care fraud prevention summit in Miami. "We've got new ways to go after folks that we've never had before."

Officials said they chose Miami because it is ground zero for Medicare fraud, generating roughly \$3 billion a

year. Authorities indicted 33 suspects in the Miami area, accused of charging Medicare for about \$140 million in various scams.

Suspects across the country were accused of billing Medicare for unnecessary equipment, physical therapy and other treatments that patients never received. In one \$72 million scam at Bay Medical in Brooklyn, clinic owners submitted bogus physical therapy claims for elderly Russian immigrants.

Patients, including undercover agents, were paid \$50 to \$100 a visit in exchange for using their Medicare numbers and got bonuses for recruiting new patients. Wiretaps captured hundreds of kickback payments doled out in a backroom by a man who did nothing but pay patients all day, authorities said.

#### truck because of the increase in immigrant deaths this month.

He said many of the bodies seem to be coming from the desert southwest of Tucson, where it tends to be hotter than eastern parts of the border or the Tucson metro area.

Authorities believe the high number of deaths are likely due to above-average and unrelenting heat in southern Arizona this month and ongoing tighter border security that pushes immigrants to more remote, rugged and dangerous terrain.

Erik Pytlak, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service, said Tucson's average nighttime lows in the first 15 days of July are the hottest for that period in recorded history.

If nighttime temperatures don't cool down enough, the human body doesn't get a break from the daytime heat, which has hit 109 degrees in recent days in southern Arizona.

### Evidence of abduction found for missing SoCal teen

MORENO VALLEY, Calif. she had just run away.

(AP)—Deputies and detectives on Saturday searched for a Southern California teen girl missing for a third day, and authorities said evidence points to an abduction.

Personal items belonging to 17-year-old Norma Lopez and

signs of a struggle were discovered by investigators in a field the girl often used as a shortcut, Riverside County sheriff's Sgt. Joe Borja said. He would not give further details on the evidence.

Lopez had finished a summer class at Valley

View High School in Moreno Valley Thursday morning and was supposed to meet her sister Sonja Lopez and a friend at home afterward. When she didn't appear, the girls searched for a few hours then called police.

Authorities Lopez had no apparent problems at home and didn't think

"We do not believe she's a runaway. If we did believe that, we wouldn't be here today," Borja told reporters at a news conference Friday. "If Norma's out there, we're looking for you. If you haven't been taken, please call. We're worried about you."

> Deputies are looking for a driver and passengers in a newer model green sport utility vehicle seen in the area Thursday.

> Borja said the people in the vehicle were only being sought for questioning, and may not be suspects.

Lopez's family pleaded to

television cameras for the girl's return. "I just wanted to say if you know anything about her, just contact us in any way," Sonja Lopez said through tears at the Friday news conference. "And if you're watching, sis, please call us. We just need you back. We're not mad at you or anything."



#### **ACROSS THE NATION**

#### Va. man back in US after weeks on no-fly list

WASHINGTON (AP)—Yahya Wehelie said Saturday he can't wait to eat his mom's lasagna now that he's back on U.S. soil after FBI scrutiny stranded him in the Middle East for nearly two old Virginia man landed in New York on Saturday afternoon after the ordeal that began when his studies in Yemen aroused the suspicion of U.S. authorities. His family met him in New York and planned to drive him back to the Washington area. "I can't ask for anything else in the world right now," said Wehelie, who had been living in a ramshackle Cairo hotel and surviving on fast food coupons provided by the U.S. embassy. "I want to eat some of my mom's cooking, lasagna I hope. I've been waiting for that." Wehelie, a 26-year-old U.S. citizen of Somali descent, went to Yemen nearly two years ago at his parents' urging to learn Arabic. When he tried to return, FBI agents questioned him for days. He was placed

on a no-fly list, leaving him stuck in Cairo until recently, when his no-fly status was removed.

#### Biden's 2008 campaign told: Pay \$219K to Treasury

months on a no-fly list. The 26-year- WASHINGTON (AP)—Election watchdogs have directed Joe Biden's 2008 presidential campaign to pay the U.S Treasury more than \$219,000 to resolve issues caused by sloppy bookkeeping and accepting excessive contributions, including a discounted flight on a private jet. The audit was released Friday by the Federal Election Commission. It determined that the Biden campaign accepted an improper corporate contribution in the form of a round-trip flight between New Hampshire and Iowa in June 2007 for three people. The Biden campaign paid GEH Air Transportation \$7,911 for the first-class airfare, but regulators say the campaign should have paid the charter rate of \$34,800. The FEC also found that the Biden campaign could not document

repaying at least \$106,000 in donations that were over the limit, and the campaign was ordered to pay the U.S. Treasury more than \$85,000 for staledated checks.

#### Iroquois lacrosse team ends bid to go to England

NEW YORK (AP)—Iroquois lacrosse players who refused to travel on passports issued by the U.S. and Canada because they do not consider themselves citizens of those countries exhausted their last option Saturday for going to the sport's world championship in England. Leaders of the Iroquois Nationals squad announced Saturday that a last ditch attempt to persuade British officials to recognize their Haudenosaunee passports had failed. "While we are deeply disappointed we could not bring our talented team to the world championships, there simply was no way we could accede to the recommendation that we accept either American or Canadian passports to travel," the team's chairman, Oren Lyons, said in a statement. Lyons called the passports "essential to our identity as a sovereign people making our way in the world community."

#### **Clinton off to** Afghanistan as war fears rise

WASHINGTON (AP)—Amid growing concerns about the war in Afghanistan, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton is heading to South Asia on a mission aimed at refining the goals of the nearly 9-year-old conflict. Clinton's visit comes with American lawmakers increasingly questioning the course of the war as the death toll of U.S. and international forces rises and also expressing concerns about corruption and the utility of massive assistance to both Afghanistan and Pakistan. She will attend next week's international conference in Kabul where the Afghan government is expected to outline plans to bolster deteriorating security conditions, reintegrate militants into society and crack down on corruption. She also will stop in Pakistan to push greater cooperation between Islamabad and Kabul.

#### Fla. man charged with lying about dynamite on jet

BANGOR, Maine (AP)—A 27-yearold Florida man accused of falsely claiming he had dynamite aboard a trans-Atlantic flight has been indicted on two charges by a federal grand jury. According to the Bangor Daily News, Derek Stansberry, of Riverview, Fla., is scheduled to be arraigned July 28 in U.S. District Court in Bangor. He was indicted on charges of interfering with flight crew members and attendants and giving false information and making threats. Prosecutors say Stansberry passed a note to a flight attendant that said he had a fake passport and told federal air marshals that he had dynamite aboard a Paris-to-Atlanta flight on April 27. The flight was diverted to Bangor, Maine, His attorney contends his actions were out of character and says he has no criminal record. He is free on \$20,000 bail.



High waves smash against the bank of Do Son beach in the northern port city of Hai Phong, Vietnam on Saturday July 17, 2010, as Typhoon Conson churns towards northern Vietnam.

# **Conson hits Vietnam; 8 missing**

**HANOI, Vietnam** (AP)—Eight people were missing in Vietnam on Sunday as the tail end of Typhoon Conson blew ashore after battering the Philippines and China and killing dozens.

The storm made landfall on Vietnam's northern coast Saturday night. Six fishermen remained missing after their boat sank as they sought shelter at the Paracel islands off Vietnam's central coast, said disaster official Pham Thi Kim Tuyen in central Quang Ngai province.

Tuyen said naval ships and fishing boats were searching for those missing.

Before making its way to Vietnam as a tropical storm, the typhoon slammed the Philippines and China last week.

The bodies of three missing Filipino fishermen were recovered, raising the country's death toll to 68 with 84 missing, the Philippines' National Disaster Coordinating Council reported Sunday. Conson then grazed China, killing two there.

In Vietnam's northern province of Quang Ninh, a man was reported missing after his small boat sank in the picturesque tourist attraction of Ha Long Bay, said disaster official Nguyen Tri Thai. More than 100 vessels were ordered to anchor before the storm struck.

A female Vietnamese tourist was missing after she was swept away by high waves while swimming, said another disaster official, Le Duy Thanh of Thanh Hoa province.

Provincial authorities called off plans to evacuate 137,000 people because the weakened storm was not as severe as expected, said Thanh.

The national floods and storms control department said Sunday nearly 20,000 people had been evacuated from four coastal provinces. Some 300 homes were damaged and 27 boats destroyed.

Meteorologists said Conson was now a tropical depression and will fade away later Sunday.

Rain was forecast for some northern Vietnamese provinces Sunday, though it was unlikely to cause major flash floods and landslides that authorities initially feared.

#### **ASIAN BRIEFS**

#### 28 miners killed in accident in northern China

**BEIJING** (AP)—An electrical fire inside a coal shaft in northern China left 28 miners dead, a government official said Sunday. An official with the State Administration of Work Safety said the accident, triggered when an electrical cable caught fire, happened Saturday evening at the privately owned Xiaonangou coal mine in Sangshuping town in Shaanxi Province. He declined to give his name as is customary with Chinese officials. All 28 miners working in the shaft were killed when the underground cable caught fire, he said. The official Xinhua News Agency said rescuers had retrieved the bodies of five miners by Sunday morning and an investigation was under way.

#### Japanese man abducted in southern **Philippines**

MANILA, Philippines (AP) -Gunmen abducted a Japanese convert to Islam who ran a medical clinic in the southern Philippines, but it was not known if al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf militants were involved, a military commander said Saturday. A navy ship and Philippine troops were deployed to the remote is-

land in hopes of preventing the victim's transfer to the militants' stronghold, Lt. Gen. Benjamin Dolorfino said. Abu Sayyaf, notorious for kidnappings and beheadings, has received funds from al-Qaida. Amer Mamaito Katayama was reportedly snatched by at least 10 gunmen on Pangutaran and moved to another nearby island, according to Dolorfino, who is the military's chief commander in the area. Katayama lived for some time on the main southern Philippine island of Mindanao before moving to Pangutaran in 2004. Dolorfino said. There, he apparently ran a clinic and was also reportedly involved in treasure hunting, the commander said. He said Katayama is 63 years old and had converted to Islam, adopting the name Amer.

#### **Roadside bombs** kill 5 NATO troops in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)— Five NATO troops died in roadside bombings in Afghanistan as international forces announced they foiled a terrorist attack on an upcoming conference in Kabul to be attended by leaders from more than 60 nations. The deaths added to a summer of escalating violence as Afghan and

coalition forces step up patrols in the Taliban-dominated south in a push to wrest control of the traditional insurgent stronghold. Last month was the deadliest of the nearly nine-year-old war for international troops, with 103 killed including 60 Americans. So far in July 54 have died, 39 of them American. Security was tightened across the capital for Tuesday's conference, which is attracting the heads of NATO, the United Nations and top diplomats, including U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

#### Militants kill 16 passengers in northwest Pakistan

PARACHINAR, Pakistan (AP)-Militants armed with assault rifles ambushed a convoy of civilian vehicles killing 16 people Saturday in northwestern Pakistan, the scene of extensive military operations targeting Islamist insurgents. Several people also were wounded in the attack in Char Khel village in the troubled tribal region of Kurram. The travelers were heading to the main northwestern city of Peshawar in vehicles when they were ambushed. Kurram has witnessed scores of such attacks, robberies and kidnappings for ransom in the past three years.

# World

### AFTER A 10-YEAR HUNT

# Feds nab alleged PR drug lord

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)-Federal authorities arrested a fugitive alleged drug kingpin Saturday after a decadelong chase through the Caribbean marked by his narrow escapes and public taunting that he paid off police to remain free.

Known as the Pablo Escobar of the Caribbean, Jose Figueroa Agosto was caught wearing a wig while driving through a working-class Dominican neighborhood of San Juan. When he realized he was being followed, he tried to run on foot as he had last September in the Dominican Republic after a pursuing vice squad shot out a tire on his Jeep.

But this time U.S. Marshals, FBI, drug enforcement agents and Puerto Rican police caught up.

"We asked him his name, and he simply answered that we knew who he was," said Antonio Torres, who heads the U.S. Marshal Service's fugitive task force in Puerto Rico.

"It is a tremendous arrest, definitely," U.S. Attorney Rosa Emilia Rodriguez told a news conference Saturday, where



Jose Figueroa Agosto is escorted handcuffed by DEA agents after his arrest in San Juan, Saturday July 17, 2010.

she was surrounded by other ing a cocaine shipment. cheerful federal authorities.

Escobar, the Colombian drug lord of the 1980s, was an escaped convict who died in a shootout with police in 1993.

Figueroa, who was 45 in March, is suspected of shipping Colombian drugs to the U.S. mainland through Puerto Rico, where he escaped from prison in 1999 after presenting a forged release order. He had served only four years of a 209-year sentence for killing a man suspected of steal-

He moved to the Dominican Republic a month later and was briefly detained during a 2001 drug investigation, but was let go because he was using an alias.

Though no one can say exactly how much cocaine he moved, the scale of Figueroa's empire emerged following the botched September raid, which netted several cars, including an armored Mercedes Benz with \$4.6 million in cash inside, and a laptop computer full of evidence.

## Police detain 40 after Iran mosque bombing

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iranian police arrested 40 people following the devastating bombings of a mosque in the country's southeast as funerals were under way for the victims, local media reported on Saturday.

Gen. Ahmad Reza Radan, Iran's deputy police chief, told the semiofficial Fars news agency that those detained "intended to create insecurity in Zahedan after the bombing," but all was now calm in the city.

A Sunni insurgency called Jundallah, which has carried out several other bombings in the southeast over the past few years, claimed responsibility for the twin blasts, which killed 27.

Radan said that two policemen were among the dead and 10 others were wounded. Members of the elite Revolutionary Guards were also reportedly killed.

Thousands turned out Saturday for the mass funerals, marching through the streets and chanting "death to terrorists" and "down with the U.S.," according to footage shown on state TV.

Iranian officials continued their traditional stance of blaming foreign countries, particularly the U.S., for the bombing.

"Americans cannot make an excuse in this case, they were behind the terrorist act in Zahedan," Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani told TV.

Deputy Interior Minister Ali Abdollahi, meanwhile said those carrying out the crime "were trained and equipped beyond our borders and then came into Iran."

Iran has accused the U.S. and Britain of supporting Jundallah in an effort to weaken the Iranian government, a charge they deny. On Friday President Barack Obama condemned the bombing.

### Divers find 200-year old champagne in Baltic wreck

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Now know it would be champagne. been sent to laboratories in that's some vintage bubbly.

Divers have discovered what is thought to be the world's oldest drinkable champagne in a shipwreck in the Baltic Sea, one of the finders said Saturday. They tasted the one bottle they've brought up so far before they even got back to shore.

Diving instructor Christian Ekstrom said the bottles are believed to be from the 1780s and likely were part of a cargo destined for Russia. The nationality of the sunken ship has not yet been determined.

"We brought up the bottle to be able to establish how old the wreck was," he told The Associated Press. "We didn't We thought it was wine or France for testing. "We're 98 something.

Ekstrom said the divers were overjoyed when they popped the cork on their boat after hauling the bubbly from a depth of 200 feet (60 meters).

"It tasted fantastic. It was a very sweet champagne, with a tobacco taste and oak," Ekstrom said.

The divers discovered the shipwreck Tuesday near the Aland Islands, between Sweden and Finland. About 30 bottles are believed to be aboard the sunken vessel.

Ekstrom said he is confident of the champagne's age and authenticity, but samples have

percent sure already because of the bottle (we found)," he said.

Swedish wine expert Carl-Jan Granqvist said each bottle could fetch euro50,000 (\$68,000) if the corks are intact and the sparkling drink is genuine and drinkable.

"If this is true, it is totally unique," said Granqvist, one of the experts contacted by Ekstrom and his team. "I don't know of any other (drinkable) bottle this old. I've never even heard of it."

Granqvist said he had seen pictures of the bottle, and it had languished in near-perfect storage conditions—in the dark at a constant cold temperature.

# Focus

## GULISTAN, Uzbekistan (AP)—Saodat Rakhimbayeva says she wishes she had died with her newborn baby.

The 24-year-old housewife had a cesarean section in March and gave birth to Ibrohim, a premature boy who died three days later.

Then came a further devastating blow: She learned that the surgeon had removed part of her uterus during the operation, making her sterile. The doctor told her the hysterectomy was necessary to remove a potentially cancerous cyst, while she believes he sterilized her as part of a state campaign to reduce birthrates.

"He never asked for my approval, never ran any checks, just mutilated me as if I were a mute animal," the pale and fragile Rakhimbayeva said through tears while sitting at a fly-infested cafe in this central Uzbek city. "I should have just died with Ibrohim."

According to rights groups, victims and health officials, Rakhimbayeva is one of hundreds of Uzbek women who have been surgically sterilized without their knowledge or consent in a program designed to prevent overpopulation from fueling unrest.

Human rights advocates and doctors say autocratic President Islam

In this photo taken May 18, 2010,

an Uzbek woman and children walk

in the street of the eastern Uzbek

city of Ferghana.

Karimov this year ramped up a sterilization campaign he initiated in the late 1990s. In a decree issued in February, the Health Ministry ordered all medical facilities to "strengthen control over the medical examination of women of childbearing age."

The decree also said that "surgical contraception should be provided free of charge" to women who volunteer for the procedure.

It did not specifically mandate sterilizations, but critics allege that doctors have come under direct pressure from the government to perform them: "The order comes from the very top," said Khaitboy Yakubov, head of the Najot human rights group in Uzbekistan.

Uzbek authorities ignored numerous requests by The Associated Press to comment on the issue. Most Western media organizations have been driven from the country, and government officials face serious reprisals for contacts with foreign journalists. However, the AP was able to interview several doctors, sterilized women and a former health official, some on condition of anonymity.

This Central Asian nation of 27 million is the size of California or Iraq, and population density in areas such as the fertile Ferghana Valley is among the world's highest.

Rights groups say the government is dealing with poverty, unemployment and severe economic and environmental problems that have triggered an exodus of Uzbek labor migrants to Russia and other countries.

Heightening the government's fears is the specter of legions of jobless men in predominantly Muslim Uzbekistan succumbing to the lure of Islamic radical groups with ties to Afghan Taliban and al-Qaida.

Uzbekistan is not alone in coming under allegations of using sterilizations to fight population growth: Authorities in China's Guangdong Province were accused by Amnesty International in April of carrying out coerced sterilizations to meet family planning goals. But no other country is known to use that method as a government policy.

Uzbekistan once had one of the Soviet Union's highest birthrates, four to five children per woman, and Communist authorities even handed out medals to "heroine" mothers of six or more. Young army conscripts from Uzbekistan and the four other Central Asian republics made up for a declining ethnic Russian population.

Now, as authorities try to unravel that legacy, the birthrate has dropped to about 2.3 children per womanstill higher than the rate of 2.1 that demographers consider sufficient to replenish a falling population.

The sterilization campaign involves thousands of government-employed medical doctors and nurses who urge women of childbearing age, especially those with two or more children, to have hysterectomies or fallopian tube ligations, said Sukhrobjon Ismoilov of the Expert Working Group, an independent think tank based in the capital, Tashkent.

The surgeon in Rakhimbayeva's case, a burly man in his 40s named Kakhramon Fuzailov, refused to comment on her claims and threatened to turn an AP reporter over to the police for "asking inappropriate questions."

In 2007, the U.N. Committee Against Torture reported a "large number" of cases of forced sterilization and removal of reproductive organs in Uzbek women, often after cesarean sections. Some women were abandoned by their husbands as a result, it said.

After the 1991 Soviet collapse, Karimov, a former Communist functionary, remained at the helm and retained many Soviet features, such as strict government control of public health. Government-paid doctors and nurses

Many other women, especially from poor rural areas, say they face coercion from health workers or even potential employers to agree to sterilization.

A 31-year-old mother of two from the eastern Uzbek city of Ferghana said the director of a kindergarten where she sought a job told her to show a certificate confirming she had been sterilized.

After consulting her disabled husband, who receives a government pension of \$40 a month, she said she agreed to the procedure, produced the certificate and got the job.

"We just had no choice," the woman, who gave only her first name Matluba, said by telephone from the eastern city of Ferghana. She refused to provide her last name or identify the kindergarten for fear of being fired.

Several health workers, who spoke on condition of anonymity also because they feared dismissal or persecution, said the authorities are especially eager to sterilize women with HIV, tuberculosis or a drug addiction. Instruments often are not sterilized properly and can infect other women, they said.

Inexperienced medical workers can also cause serious health complications. "Any negligence can do a lot of damage," said Shakhlo Tursunova, a gynecologist from Tashkent.



are assigned to each district or village.

Family planning is far different from Western norms.

on raising awareness of widely available condoms or birth-control pills, the Health Ministry has chosen to promote uteral resections nationwide as the most reliable method of contraception.

> teer. Khalida Alimova, 31, a plump, vivacious sales manager from Tashkent, agreed to a resection in March, almost a year after her third child was born.

She said her husband, Alisher Alimov, 32, an occasional cab driver who spends days playing backgammon with his friends, refused to use condoms or allow her to take birth-control pills.

"Now I feel relieved," Alimova said over a cup of green tea in the kitchen of their shabbily furnished Tashkent apartment. She added, though, that she never told her husband about the operation.

Health workers involved in the campaign are threatened with salary cuts, demotion or dismissal if they do not persuade at least two women a month to be sterilized, a former highranking Health Ministry official told the AP on condition of anonymity.

Veronika Tretyakova, a 32-yearold doctor from Tashkent, said she came under pressure from health workers to be sterilized.

"The nurse said, 'They would hang me if I let you have another child," Tretyakova said. "I told her to think about her soul."

Tradition plays a strong role in this male-dominated society, where a large family is seen as a blessing from God, and women are often blamed for childless marriages.

After checking out of the maternity hospital in Gulistan where she lost her son, Rakhimbayeva said she shared her anguish with her husband. Ulmas, a 29-year-old bus driver who refused to be interviewed for this story. Their marriage was arranged by their parents in 2008.

Instead of consoling her, she said, he told her to move back to her parents' house and wait for divorce papers as he did not want to live with a barren wife.

"He never even questioned why the doctors maimed me, just blamed everything on me," Rakhimbayeva said wringing her hands. "Now I have no hope of having children, no job, no future."

## Health & Fitness

# Study: Many docs don't blow whistle on their colleagues

By CARLA K. JOHNSON AP MEDICAL WRITER

**CHICAGO** (AP)—Your doctor could be drunk, addicted to drugs or outright incompetent, but other physicians may not blow the whistle.

A new survey finds that many American physicians fail to report troubled colleagues to authorities, believing that someone else will take care of it, that nothing will happen if they act or that they could be targeted for retribution.

A surprising 17 percent of the doctors surveyed had direct, personal knowledge of an impaired or incompetent physician in their workplaces, said the study's lead author, Catherine DesRoches of Harvard Medical School.

One-third of those doctors had not reported the matter to authorities such as hospital officials or state medical boards. The findings, appearing in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association, are based on a 2009 survey of 1,891 practicing U.S. doctors.

Reporting a problem doctor can trigger important changes. Twenty-one years ago, a colleague smelled alcohol on a young physician's breath and anonymously reported him to the head of the residency program. A now-sober Dr. A. Clark Gaither is grateful.

"I wish I knew who reported me," Gaither said. "I'd like to give them a big ol' hug and thank them for saving my life."

Programs exist for retraining doctors with weak skills and getting addicted ones into treatment. But the survey results suggest doctors are not confident in the system, DesRoches said.



Dr. A. Clark Gaither is seen at his family medical practice office in Goldsboro, N.C., Tuesday, July 13, 2010. Reporting a problem doctor can trigger important changes. Twenty-one years ago, a colleague smelled alcohol on Gaither's breath and anonymously reported him to the head of the residency program. The now-sober Dr. Gaither is grateful. "I wish I knew who reported me," he said. "I'd like to give them a big ol' hug and thank them for saving my life."

The American Medical Association and other professional groups say doctors have an ethical obligation to make such reports. And many states require doctors to tell authorities about colleagues who endanger patients because of alcoholism, drug abuse or mental illness.

Despite that, many doctors do not know what to do or where to start, DesRoches said.

In an accompanying editorial, one ethics expert called the findings "jarring."

"I don't think there's any excuse for less than 100 percent of physicians holding true to these ideals," said Dr. Matthew Wynia, director of the AMA Institute

He called for better protections for whistleblowers and more education for doctors on how to report a colleague.

The survey did not specify the type or severity of the im-

pairment or incompetence, asking: "In the last three years, have you had direct, personal knowledge of a physician who was impaired or incompetent to practice medicine in your hospital, group, or practice?"

Most states have programs that not only get doctors into treatment but also advise their colleagues how to intervene. Most will keep reports anonymous. Some use the threat of medical board sanction to persuade doctors to go to rehab.

For Gaither, the first confrontation with concerned colleagues was in medical school. He reassured his fellow students he was fine. Even the second confrontation, from the program head who had heard the report of Gaither's alcohol-scented breath, did not take. Gaither signed a contract promising to stay sober, go to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings

### Disrupted sleep patterns could add to risk of obesity, diabetes

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES—Disrupted sleep patterns seem to contribute to the risk of obesity and diabetes, according to numerous studies. Researchers have theorized that disrupted circadian rhythms throw off various hormonal processes in the body that contribute to disease.

This theory is looking stronger all the time, and the mounting evidence bolsters the argument that people should care about their sleep habits. Researchers at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas have found that mice genes involved in circadian rhythms develop abnormalities in their pancreatic cells that eventually cause problems with the release of insulin.

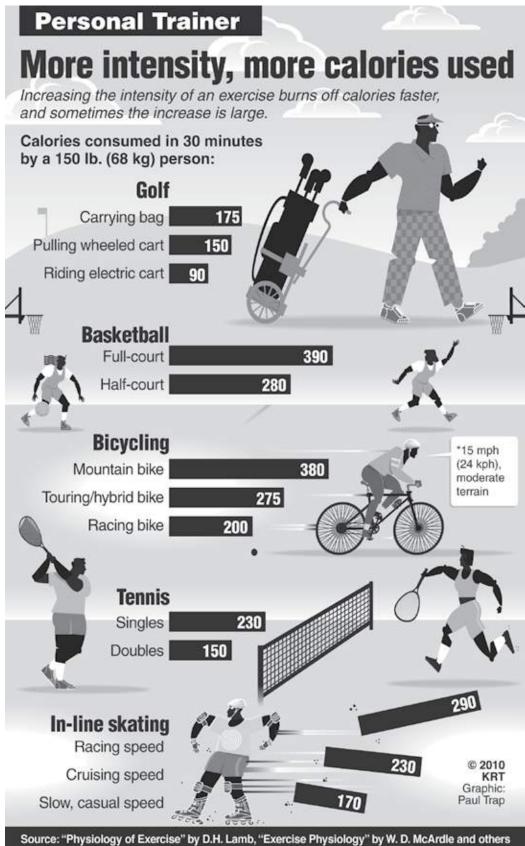
One gene, the CLOCK gene, operates in many parts of the body to control circadian processes. The other gene, BMAL1, works with the CLOCK protein. In the study, scientists engineered some mice to have defective CLOCK genes in the pancreas and some to lack the BMAL1 gene. They found that mice with the mutant CLOCK gene were defective in releasing insulin. These mice were prone to obesity and other

with defective copies of two health problems related to liver and metabolic function. The mice lacking the BMAL1 gene in their pancreas had normal body weight and normal circadian patterns but had abnormal blood sugar levels.

The study shows that disruption of these genes only in the pancreas causes early signs of diabetes.

"These results indicate that disruption of the daily clock may contribute to diabetes by impairing the pancreas' ability to deliver insulin," a co-author of the paper, Dr. Joseph Takahashi, said in a news release.

The study was released this week in the journal Nature.



### For older women, extra pounds can mean less brain power

By KAREN KAPLAN

LOS ANGELES—They say that what goes up must come down. But in the U.S., some trends seem to go in only one direction. For instance, the numweight or obese just keeps growing. As the population ages, so does the number of older people suffering from Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

Could there be a connection? Possibly, according to a study published Wednesday in the Journal of the American

Geriatric Society.
Researchers from Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine and colleagues around the country examined data from the Women's Health Initiative. They focused on 8,745 volunteers who par-

hormone replacement therapy and were at least 65 years old. For this cohort, data were available on their height and weight (and thus their body mass index), as well as their cognitive function (as measured by a test called the Modified Mini-Mental State Examination, a.k.a. 3MSE).

Overall, the researchers found that the higher one's BMI, the lower her score on the 3MSE test. For every additional point on the BMI scale, test scores fell by nearly 1 point. (A 5-foot-6 woman would have to gain 6 pounds to increase her BMI by one point.) The researchers theorized that the circulation problems and inflammation brought on by obesity cause damage to the brain, resulting in dementia.

After adjusting for each woman's age and level of edu-

ticipated in clinical trials of cation, the average test score of those who had a healthy weight (BMI less than 25) was 95.2, while the average test score of those who were heaviest (BMI greater than 40) was 94.1. The overall trend was statistically significant.

But on further analysis, that wasn't true for everyone. Among the 25 percent of women with the highest ratio of waist size to hip size, test scores rose along with BMI. This finding suggests that "abdominal obesity may be associated with better cognitive functioning," the researchers wrote. Fat cells in the abdomen produce estrogen, a hormone that might boost brain power (the evidence so far is mixed). Perhaps the extra estrogen from belly fat is enough to counteract the detrimental effects of obesity on cognitive function, the researchers concluded.

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# Life & Style

# I Write Like erupts online, authors scratch heads

**NEW YORK** (AP)—For anyone who has ever thought Charles Dickens was lurking inside his or her prose, a new website claims it can find your inner author.

The recently launched I Write Like has one simple gimmick: You paste a few paragraphs that exemplify your writing, then click "analyze" and—poof!—you get a badge telling you that you write like Stephen King or Ernest Hemingway or Chuck Palahniuk.

The site's traffic has soared in recent days and its arrival has lit up the blogosphere. Gawker tried a transcript from one of the leaked Mel Gibson phone calls. The suggested author: Margaret Atwood.

The New Yorker found that an invitation to a birthday party was James Joycean. Many others were aghast to discover they wrote similarly to "The Da Vinci Code" scribe Dan Brown.

The New York Times tried putting in actual novels, such as "Moby-Dick." Herman Melville, it turns out, writes less like himself than King, according to I Write Like.

Atwood, herself, tried the site only to discover she also apparently writes like King. "Who knew?" she tweeted.

Obviously, I Write Like isn't an exact science. But simply the idea of an algorithm that can reveal traces of influence in writing has proven wildly popular.

Though the site might seem the idle dalliance of an English professor on summer break, it was created by Dmitry Chestnykh, a 27-year-old Russian software programmer currently living in Montenegro. Though he speaks English reasonably



In this Feb. 9, 2009 file photo, author Stephen King reads from his latest book "Ur" at a news conference in New York.

well, it's his second language.

"I wanted it to be an educational thing and also to help people write better," he said.

Chestnykh modeled the site on software for e-mail spam filters. This means that the site's text analysis is largely keyword based. Even if you write in short, declarative, Hemingwayesque sentences, its your word choice that may determine your comparison.

Most writers will tell you, though, that the most telling signs of influence come from punctuation, rhythm and structure. I Write Like does account for some elements of style by

things such as number of words per sentence.

Chestnykh has uploaded works by about 50 authors—three books for each, he said. That, too, explains some of its shortcomings. Melville, for example, isn't in the system.

But Chestnykh never expected the sudden success of the site and he plans to improve its accuracy by including more books and adding a probability percentage for each result. He hopes it can eventually be profitable.

"I think that people really like to know how they write, even if it's not accurate results," said Chestnykh. "Still it's fun for them."

It's easy to find a laugh. Obama's Oval Office speech in June? David Foster Wallace. Lady Gaga's lyrics to "Alejandro"? William Shakespeare.

Whatever the deficiencies of

I Write Like, it does exude a love of writing and its many techniques. The site's blog updates with inspiring quotations from writers, and Chestnykh—whose company, Coding Robots, is also working on blog editing and diary writing

software—shows a love of literature. He counts Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Agatha Christie among his favorites.

"I had a typewriter when I was 6 years old," he said. "But I'm not a published writer and I don't think I write very good."

# Yevtushenko gives house, art to Russia

**PEREDELKINO, Russia** (AP)—Yevgeny Yevtushenko, Russia's most renowned living poet, has given his house along with an extensive art collection to the state as a museum.

The two-story museum in the writer's colony of Peredelkino, just outside Moscow, joins nearby house-museums, including those of Boris Pasternak and Bulat Okudjava. It contains paintings by Marc Chagall, Joan Miro, Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque.

The museum also exhibits Yevtushenko's photographs from his travels in Siberia, China, Italy, the Middle East, and items collected during his life, among which is American writer Mark Twain's cane.

Yevtushenko, who opened the museum at a ceremony on Saturday, came to prominence during the Soviet Union's socalled cultural "thaw" under Nikita Khrushchev. One of his best-known poems is 1961's "Babi Yar," which denounces anti-Semitism and the failure of Soviet authorities to build a monument commemorating the Nazi massacre of Jews in Kiev.

At the height of his fame, Yevtushenko read his work in packed soccer stadiums and arenas. There was a recital in 1972 in New York's Madison Square Garden, an audience of 27,000 in Mexico City and a crowd of 200,000 in 1991 who came to listen during a failed coup attempt in Russia.

Yevtushenko, who turns 77 Sunday, has traveled to 96 countries and now divides his time between Moscow and Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he teaches poetry at the University of Tulsa.

Before cutting the ribbon, Yevtushenko read his recent poem, "U.S.S.R.—FRG 1955. (Reportage from past century)," about a football game that brought Russian war veterans and Germans together ten years after the end of World War II. He expressed hope in the future.

"I grew up during Cold War, now it is time of 'Cold Peace,"" Yevtushenko said.

The Director of the State Museum of Contemporary History of Russia, Sergei Arkhangelov, said poets in Russia have a vital social role.

"A poet in Russia is not just a poet; it is a role of an activist," Arkhangelov said. "The development of Russian intellect is tied to him. For us it came through these works, tied to his name."

The museum will open next week. Besides its permanent exhibition, it will feature shows by contemporary Russian artists, poetry readings and a library of archives.

### Director Polanski attends Swiss jazz fest

MONTREUX, Switzerland (AP)—Roman Polanski has made his first public appearance since being released this week from house arrest, attending the Montreux Jazz Festival on Saturday to watch his wife perform on stage.

The 76-year-old film director arrived at the Lake Geneva festival Saturday evening in a sport utility vehicle with tinted windows. When he emerged, he brushed his fingers through his hair—a trademark gesture—then was ushered into an elevator. Security personnel protected him from an eager crush of photographers.

Polanski's wife, the actress and singer Emmanuelle Seigner, performed shortly after his arrival, wearing a flannel shirt, a black hat and jeans.

In an interview earlier Saturday with Swiss television,



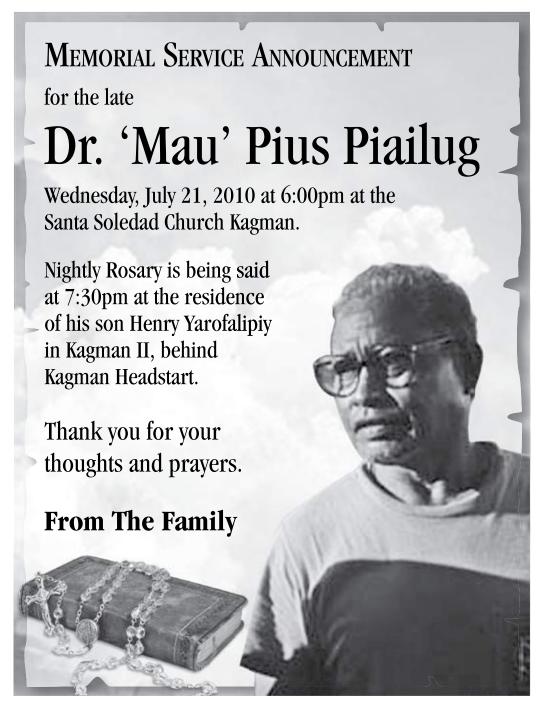
Film director Roman Polanski, arrives to watch his wife Emmanuelle Seigner, French singer and actress, perform at the Stravinski Hall stage at the 44th Montreux Jazz Festival, in Montreux, Switzerland, Saturday, July 17, 2010.

excerpts of which were broadcast on France-2 television, Polanski thanked "the millions of people who kept sending me messages of support during those nine long months."

"I would also certainly thank my wife Emmanuelle (and) my children, without whom I would have never been able to hold onto my dignity and perseverance," Polanski said.

The Oscar-winning director was freed Monday from seven months of house arrest at his Swiss chalet when Switzerland's government refused to extradite him to the United States. Before that, he served two months in prison as the Swiss government pondered whether he should be handed over to U.S. authorities to be sentenced for having sex with a 13-year-old girl in 1977.

Polanski still faces an Interpol warrant in effect for 188 countries.



# Report: Paris Hilton caught with marijuana

PARIS (AP)—Paris Hilton was briefly detained in Corsica after sniffer dogs detected a "quite small" quantity of marijuana in her bag, a French newspaper reported Saturday.

Corse Matin newspaper said officers at the airport in Figari found about one gram's worth of marijuana. Hilton, who was transiting the French Mediterranean island in a private jet on Friday, was hauled in for questioning and released about 30 minutes later, the report said.

In a story posted on its Web site, the newspaper said Hilton was traveling along with "personalities close to power in Malaysia" from the French capital to Porto Cervo, in Sardinia.

In a posting on the TwitLonger site Saturday, Hilton wrote, "Just to put an end to these rumors. The stories saying I have been arrested are completely false!"

"I am having the best vacation of my life," the posting said.

Earlier this month, Hilton was arrested after the Brazil-Netherlands World Cup match in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, on suspicion of possession of marijuana. The case was then dropped at a midnight court hearing.

Hilton pleaded no contest in 2007 to alcohol-related reckless driving and was sentenced to 45 days in jail. After spending about 23 days in jail, Hilton told U.S. television host Larry King that the experience caused her to reevaluate the role partying played in her life. She said she wanted "to help raise money for kids and for breast cancer and multiple sclerosis."



In this May 26, 2010 file photo, television personality Paris Hilton arrives at the USO's 'Songs For Soldiers' initiative' event in New York.

# Lawyer: Lohan staying at substance abuse facility

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lindsay Lohan has moved to a substance abuse facility and signed legal papers hiring celebrity lawyer Robert Shapiro to represent her as she prepares to head to jail for violating probation in a 2007 drug case.

Shapiro, a key figure on O.J. Simpson's legal "dream team" in 1995, confirmed Lohan was staying at Pickford Lofts, a treatment center Shapiro founded after his son died of a drug overdose.

Shapiro told The Associated Press on Friday he had agreed to represent Lohan only if she does her jail time and complies with the terms of her probation.

He said he would help the actress get treatment to accomplish long-term recovery and sobriety.

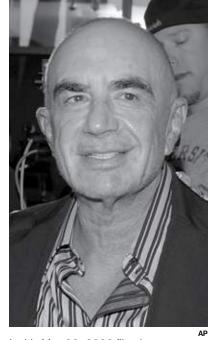
"Ms. Lohan is suffering from a disease that I am all too familiar with," said Shapiro, whose son Brent died in 2005. "Hopefully I can be of assistance."

Lohan is scheduled to begin serving a 90-day sentence on Tuesday.

Shapiro has represented numerous celebrity clients.

In representing Lohan, Shapiro is replacing attorney Shawn Chapman Holley, another veteran of the Simpson trial in which the former football star was acquitted of the murders of his ex-wife Nicole and her friend Ronald Goldman.

Holley resigned after saying Lohan's sentence was harsh and unfair.



In this May 22, 2008 file photo, attorney Robert Shapiro poses during a tribute to the career of producer and former Paramount Studios chief Robert Evans by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Shapiro filed papers in court signed by Lohan substituting him as her counsel.

The 24-year-old actress was sentenced to 90 days in jail earlier this month after a judge determined she violated her probation by missing seven weekly alcohol education classes since December.

The judge also ordered Lohan to

spend three months in rehab after serving her sentence and continue to undergo random drug testing until her probation expires.

Lohan pleaded guilty in August 2007 to two misdemeanor counts of being under the influence of cocaine; no contest to two counts of driving with a blood-alcohol level above 0.08 percent; and one count of reckless driving. She was sentenced to three years probation.

The plea came after a pair of high-profile arrests earlier that year.

Lohan has spent 84 minutes in jail and performed mandatory service at the county morgue.

Still, she has struggled with the terms of her sentence. In October, a judge extended her probation for another year and a prosecutor warned the actress she was facing jail time if she violated her probation.

Lohan has been required to wear an ankle alcohol monitor since late May, when she missed a court hearing. She claimed her passport was stolen while she attended the Cannes Film Festival in France.

The lapse prompted a series of crackdowns by the judge, including doubling Lohan's bail to \$200,000 when the monitor registered a .03 blood alcohol level after the star attended the MTV Movie Awards and afterparties.

Lohan denied she had been drinking that night.

#### **VATICAN PAPER:**

# New Caravaggio may have been found

ROME (AP)—The Vatican newspaper reported Saturday that a new Caravaggio painting may have been found in Rome, but cautioned that further analyses are required before it can be attributed for certain to the Italian master.

The front-page story in L'Osservatore Romano came out as Italy celebrates the 400th anniversary of Caravaggio's death. This weekend, churches and a gallery in Rome housing works by the painter will stay open overnight to mark the anniversary.

The painting in question depicts "The Martyrdom of St. Lawrence" and belongs to the Jesuits in Rome, the paper said. It did not say where the painting was being studied or who was examining it.

An image of the work published above the headline "A New Caravaggio" shows a semi-naked young man, his mouth open in desperation, one arm stretched out as he leans over amid flames.

"It is up to further analyses and an in-depth documentary, stylistic and critical examination to provide us with answers," L'Osservatore Romano said.

"What is certain is that the painting is stylistically impeccable," it said in the article, written by art historian Lydia Salviucci Insolera.

Caravaggio died in the Tuscan coast town of Porto Ercole in 1610 at age 39. He had been hugely influential and famous, but had also led a disso-

lute life of street brawls and alcohol.

Italy has been marking the anniversary with a variety of events, and an exhibit in Rome earlier this year drew over half a million visitors.

This weekend from dusk Saturday until Sunday morning, visitors can enter free at the Borghese Gallery, which houses such masterpieces as "David with the head of Goliath" and "Boy with a basket of fruit." Four additional paintings kept in other museums were moved to the Borghese Gallery for the all-nighter.

Three churches in the center of Rome—Santa Maria del Popolo, Sant'Agostino and San Luigi dei Francesi—will also keep their doors open. The churches are together home to another half-dozen Caravaggio paintings, including the "Crucifixion of St. Peter" in Santa Maria del Popolo.

In its article, L'Osservatore Romano pointed out that the "The Martyrdom of St. Lawrence" presented features typical of Caravaggio's style, such as the use of chiaroscuro for dramatic effect and the unique perspective from which the subject is seen. The report also highlighted similarities with other Caravaggio's paintings, for example in the saint's hand or body movement.

However, the newspaper also noted that no known document mentions St. Lawrence as a subject of Caravaggio's work.



The front page of the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano, pictured in Rome, Saturday, July 17, 2010.

### Storm cuts short start of Austrian Life Ball

**VIENNA** (AP)—Former U.S. President Bill Clinton and others ran for cover Saturday as the opening of a flashy Austrian AIDS gala was cut short by a fierce thunderstorm.

Appearances by Clinton, burlesque dancer Dita Von Teese and Patti La-Belle had to be skipped after authorities issued a weather warning and ordered the packed square in front of Vienna's city hall to be cleared.

The 18th annual party—a fundraiser for people with HIV and AIDS—each year attracts thousands of revelers in quirky costumes who dance until dawn in the vast neo-gothic building—often wearing nothing more than the bare minimum.

Take Hans Peter Aigner, a 44-yearold from Innsbruck, whose outfit consisted of white and blue body paint, black patent leather plateau boots and tiny white hot pants.

"This is my twelfth Life Ball— We're never going to miss another one," he said, motioning to a group of friends in similarly sparse attire.

Saturday night's show also should have included an address by actress Whoopi Goldberg and a video message from Sharon Stone, as well as a fashion show with designs by Kenneth Cole, Calvin Klein and Diane von Furstenberg.

But those lucky enough to have tickets to enter city hall didn't seem too perturbed about missing all that due to the downpour.

"It's just a shame for those who can't be here—this is great," said 30-year-old Maha Elaser as she and a friend—both dressed in strategically placed fake leaves, among other things—enjoyed a drink under an awning in the courtyard as live music acts performed throughout the building.

This year's bash served as a prelude to an international AIDS conference that kicks off in Vienna Sunday and is expected to draw thousands of policymakers, activists and experts.

# Bieber's 'Baby' is most-watched video on YouTube

**EW YORK** (AP)—Justin Bieber's music video for "Baby" is the mostwatched video ever on YouTube.

The 16-year-old pop star's youtube so ... WOW!" video passed Lady Gaga's "Bad Romance" video to take the all-time lead. More than 246 million have watched Bieber's video on the Google Inc.-owned website.

Bieber tweeted a thank you to "Beliebers" and said the video's success was "crazy." The singer wrote: "I started on than 210 million have watched.

Bieber's video and Lady Gaga's switched positions briefly Friday, but as of late afternoon, Bieber was ahead by more than 600,000 views.

The most-watched clip on YouTube that isn't a music video is the popular "Charlie bit my finger" viral video, which more

### Auctioneer: Daughter will get Lucille Ball awards

LOS ANGELES (AP)—An auction house selling Lucille Ball memorabilia says it is returning the actress' lifetime achievement awards to her daughter.

Heritage Auction Galleries says a deal reached Saturday will return the awards to Lucie Arnaz Luckinbill, Ball's daughter with first husband Desi Arnaz.

A sale of dozens of other Ball-related memorabilia will happen Saturday. Items up for bid include a Rolls Royce and love letters to second husband Gary Morton.

The deal announced Saturday ends a legal fight between Luckinbill and Susie Morton, who married Gary Morton after Ball's death in 1989.

A judge agreed to stop the auction Friday but imposed a high bond Luckinbill couldn't meet.

She has said the awards will be displayed in a museum honoring her mother.



In this Nov. 20, 1961 file photo, Gary Morton, left, and Lucille Ball pose after their wedding at the Marble Collegiate Church in New York

#### ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

#### **Yale discovers Velazquez** painting in its holdings

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)— Yale art experts say they've discovered a painting in their midst is a work by renowned Spanish baroque artist Diego Velazquez. The Yale University Art Gallery recently researched its full inventory in preparation for its expansion and renovation and found the painting. The artwork, "The Education of the Virgin," previously was attributed to an unknown 17th-century Spanish painter. Two brothers from New Haven, Conn., donated it to Yale in 1925, when the painting was already more than 300 years old and in poor condition. Experts recently reattributed it to Velazquez after six years of research, and it's now being studied for conservation treatment. It's not on public display,

and its value isn't known.

#### World's oldest opera singer dies at age 98

HONG KONG (AP)—The world's oldest opera singer, Cantonese Opera star Luo Pinchao, has died. He was 98. China's official Xinhua News Agency reported Friday Luo passed away at his home in the southern city of Guangzhou on Thursday. Ranked the world's oldest opera singer by the Guinness World Records, Luo was born in June 1912 and began performing in 1930. Cantonese Opera is a form of traditional Chinese theater delivered in the southern dialect. Xinhua said Luo's signature move was singing for nearly half an hour with one foot raised and wrapped around a prop. He also helped modernize the art form by using scripts written in colloquial instead of classical Chinese.



In this June 24, 2010 file photo, Justin Bieber performs in Trenton, N.J.

### Zsa Zsa Gabor hospitalized with broken bones

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Zsa Zsa Gabor's publicist says the 93-year-old actress has been rushed to a hospital after falling out of bed and breaking several bones.

John Blanchette says Gabor was watching television in her Bel Air home Saturday evening when she tumbled to the floor.

Her husband, Prince Frederic von Anhalt, called an ambulance and Gabor was taken to Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center in unknown condition.

The actress is partially paralyzed from a 2002 car accident, which forced her to use a wheelchair. She also reportedly had a stroke in 2005.



Los Angeles, in an Aug. 15, 1986 file photo. Zsa Zsa Gabor is scheduled to have surgery Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2007 for "severe infection in her legs," her publi-

### Kardashians team up with designer on swimwear

have gone from reality TV stars to designers.

The girls teamed up with Beach Bunny Swimwear—which they sell in their stores—and designed swimsuits shown during the brand's runway show on Friday night as part of the Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Swim 2011.

"Even though Beach Bunny has its own established collection, we each wanted to make sure we put our own twist on it and each were separated by our own personalities," Kim Kardashian said before the show.

She said her designs were more glamorous, with jewels. Her sister Kourtney Kardashian

MIAMI BEACH. Florida went with the nautical look. (AP)—The Kardashian sisters while Khloe Kardashian-Odom wanted "fun, but a lot of coverage but still really young and sexy," she said.

> Her favorite was a gun metal one-piece that looked like it had been shredded.

> Gold hardware, hot pink and turquoise were all over the runways at the Raleigh Hotel in South Beach. There were also many bikinis and cutout onepieces.

> Other shows included Ed Hardy, White Sands and a men's group with Naila, Olasul and Parke & Ronen. The shows, which preview the 2011 collections for retailers, editors and stylists, end Monday night.

### Angry bride wants to wash her maid of honor out of her hair

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I am being married in October and asked my best friend of 19 years to be my maid of honor. "Brianna" likes to dve the bottom of her hair red. I asked her to take the red out of her hair for the wedding, but she flatout refused! When I told her that it is MY wedding and I don't want any red hair because it won't match my color scheme, her exact words were, "I don't care."





Am I wrong for asking Brianna to remove the dye? How do I get her to realize this is my wedding and I don't want to be upstaged! Please help me.

SEEING RED IN MARYLAND

DEAR SEEING RED: I'll try. When you picked your best friend of 19 years to stand up with you at your wedding, you knew what she looked like. Either you should have picked another color scheme for the production, or chosen a cast member who was suitably mousy that she wouldn't dim your spotlight. Please note that I am using theatrical terms because you have lost sight of what a wedding really should be. What a shame.

DEAR ABBY: I am 20, and my life seems to be going nowhere. I graduated from high school two years ago and have put off going to college. I am obese and have no willpower to exercise to get healthy. I'm constantly thinking about the past. In high school I had few friends, none of whom keep in touch with me.

I recently bumped into a former guy friend at a store. We were close during my junior year, but he ignored me in my senior year. At the store, he didn't speak to me, which was hurtful. It reminded me of the pain I felt back in school. I always felt so alone.

My dream is to be an actress, go back to school and lose weight. But I can't actually see myself accomplishing any of it. I don't know what to do with myself anymore. Can you offer me some guidance?

GOING CRAZY IN PHOENIX

DEAR GOING CRAZY: I'm glad you wrote, because you may suffer from long-term depression. Please schedule an appointment with a doctor and tell him or her exactly what you have described to me. With help, you may be able to stop needing to comfort yourself with food and find the energy you need to become more active.

If you want to be an actress, see what acting classes are available in Phoenix and if there is any regional theater. Not all actresses have to be skinny.

And one more thing. The former classmate you saw in the store may not have seen you, which is why he didn't say hello, or he may not have matured since graduation. This is not a reflection of what you are worth—it's a reflection on him.

DEAR ABBY: It is picnic and barbecue season, and I would like to inform you of a disturbing trend that seems to be growing. When guests arrive at gatherings, they tend to prepare "to go" plates as soon as they arrive, take the plates to their cars, and then return to eat as if they had just arrived.

My mother-in-law thinks this practice is just fine. I think it is tasteless, to say the least. Will you please settle this disagreement between us?

APPALLED IN CHICAGO

DEAR APPALLED: If this is a "trend," this is the first time I have heard about it. You may feel that taking food from a party to a hot car and returning to attend the gathering is "tasteless." I think it's downright dangerous because it could lead to food poisoning. The time to take leftovers is at the END of the party.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

# **Pastimes**

#### Calvin and Hobbes

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BE QUIET!

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#### By Bill Waterson Garfield®





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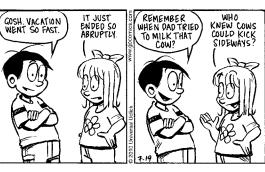
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By Dave Green

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By DAVID **OUELLET** 

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SUBMISSION: AUGUST 17, 2010 • TIME: 4:00 P.M.
"WASTE CHARACTERIZATION/FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE DEPARTMENT
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/S/ THELMA B. INOS DIRECTOR, ENERGY DIVISION

/S/ MARTIN C. SABLAN SECRETARY OF DPW

# PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT INVITATION TO BID ITB10-DEQ-129

SUBMISSION DATE: MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2010 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

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/s/ FRANK M. RABAULIMAN DIRECTOR OF DEQ /s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN DIRECTOR, P&S



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WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL, ]
Plaintiff,

ALBERT U. CHARFAUROS and FRANCISCA C. CHARFAUROS,

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Foreclosure Sale Order dated June 10, 2010, issued by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Defendants Albert U. Charfauros and Francisco C. Charfauros interests in Lot 001, G 151, located in Saipan, CNMI, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, on terms and conditions set forth herein below.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The Sale will be held on Tuesday, July 27, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the Law Offices of O'Connor Berman Dotts & Banes, Second Floor, Marianas Business Plaza, Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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# Rays the winners as Yankees mourn

(AP)—On the day George Steinbrenner was laid to rest in Florida, the New York Yankees gave a performance that would've riled up The Boss as the Tampa Bay Rays won 10-5 in the American League on Saturday.

Reid Brignac had his first two-homer game and drove in a career-high five runs and Carlos Pena homered and had three RBIs, helping the Rays silence the Yankee Stadium crowd.

Hours earlier, the Yankees paid tribute to longtime public address announcer Bob Sheppard during Old-Timers Day festivities. Sheppard died last Sunday at 99.

New York starter A.J. Burnett (7-8) was pulled in the third inning with cuts on his pitching hand, sustained when he shoved open a set of doors in the New York clubhouse in a bout of frustration.

Tampa Bay's Jeff Niemann (8-2) pitched 6 1-3 solid innings, helping the Rays pull within two games of the AL East-leading Yankees.

#### Red Sox 3, Rangers 2, 11 innings

At Boston, Kevin Youkilis doubled home the tying run with two outs in the ninth inning, then drove in the winner with a bases-loaded sacrifice fly in the 11th as Boston edged Texas.

A leadoff walk and a throwing error by Rangers reliever Alexi Ogando (3-1) helped the Red Sox rally in the 11th.

Boston's Manny Delcarmen (3-2) pitched a perfect inning to take the win after being activated from the disabled list.

#### Twins 3, White Sox 2

At Minneapolis, Carl Pavano picked up where he left off before the All-Star break, pitching a complete game to guide Minnesota past Chicago.

Pavano (11-6) got a rousing ovation from the sellout home crowd when he returned to the mound for the ninth inning, and he got out of a jam to finish his fourth complete game this season.

#### Indians 4, Tigers 3, 1st game Indians 2, Tigers 1, 11 innings, 2nd game

At Cleveland, Austin Kearns hit a twoout RBI single in the bottom of the 11th inning to give Cleveland a doubleheader sweep over Detroit.

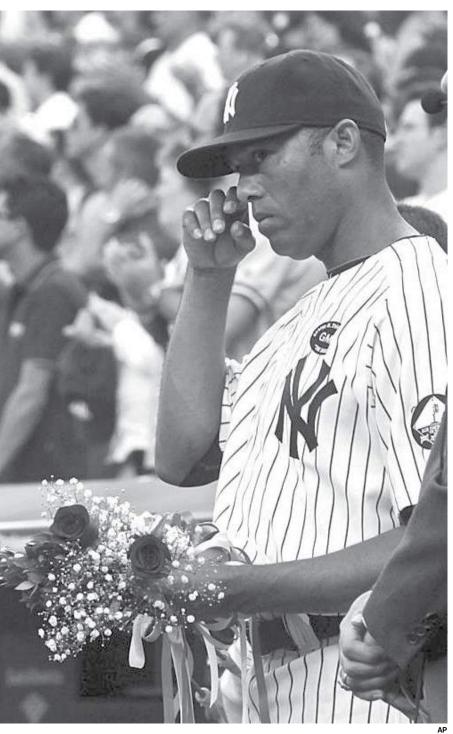
Fausto Carmona (9-7) outlasted Justin Verlander in a matchup of All-Star right-handers in the opener while Rafael Perez (2-0) pitched 1 1-3 scoreless innings in the second game for the win.

In the opener, Trevor Crowe's RBI single off Phil Coke (5-1) broke a 3-3 tie in the seventh inning and Chris Perez worked a scoreless ninth for his eighth save in 11 chances. He closed in place of Kerry Wood, who was placed on the disabled list before the game with a blister on his right index finger.

#### Athletics 6, Royals 5

At Kansas City, Missouri, Adam Rosales drove in the tiebreaking run in the ninth inning with his third single, leading Oakland past Kansas City.

Kurt Suzuki doubled with one out in the ninth against Joakim Soria (0-2), who started the ninth. With two outs, Rosales delivered the winner up the middle.



New York Yankees' Mariano Rivera wipes his eye during a tribute to Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, who died Tuesday, before the Yankees' baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays on Friday, July 16, 2010, in New York.

#### Blue Jays 3, Orioles 2

At Baltimore, Jose Bautista hit his major league-leading 25th homer in the eighth inning, a two-run shot that provided Toronto with a comeback victory over Baltimore.

The Blue Jays trailed 2-1 when newcomer Yunel Escobar led off the eighth with a single off Jason Berken (2-2), setting the stage for Bautista's winner.

The Orioles loaded the bases in the bottom of the ninth, but Shawn Camp retired Cesar Izturis to earn his first save.

#### Angels 7, Mariners 6

At Anaheim, California, Juan Rivera hit a tiebreaking homer in the seventh inning, Mike Napoli also went deep as Los Angeles beat Seattle despite blowing a five-run lead.

Brian Sweeney (1-1), working his second inning of relief, retired his first two batters in the seventh before Rivera drove a 1-0 pitch to left-center for his 11th home run.

#### Reds 8, Rockies 1

At Cincinnati, Edinson Volquez gave a starring performance in his return from elbow surgery, guiding the Cincinnati Reds to a win over the Colorado.

Volquez (1-0) made it back ahead of schedule from surgery last Aug. 3 to rebuild his right elbow. The Reds' former ace pitched like one, striking out nine while hitting 152 kph (95 mph) with his fastball.

#### Cardinals 2, **Dodgers 0**

In St. Louis, Adam Wainwright pitched six sharp scoreless innings to remain unbeaten at home and direct St. Louis' win over Los Angeles.

Wainwright (14-5) has allowed just one earned run in his past 29

1-3 innings, lowering his ERA to 2.02. He improved to 10-0 with a 1.31 ERA in 10 home starts.

#### **Brewers 6, Braves 3**

In Atlanta, Corey Hart hit a three-run double in Milwaukee's five-run seventh inning, sinking Atlanta.

Prince Fielder hit his 21st homer in the Brewers' big seventh and was hit by a pitch in the eighth, leading to ejections for Braves reliever Jonny Venters and manager Bobby Cox.

#### Phillies 4, Cubs 1

In Chicago, Placido Polanco, just off the disabled list, hit a tying single with two outs in the ninth inning and Philadelphia rallied for four runs to beat Chicago.

Chad Durbin (1-1) pitched a scoreless eighth for the win.

#### Marlins 2, Nationals 0

In Miami, Josh Johnson and three relievers combined on an 11hit shutout, leading Florida over Washington.

Johnson (10-3) struck out seven and walked none in six innings, lowering his NL-leading ERA to 1.62. The All-Star pitcher has not allowed more than two runs in his past 12 starts, pitching at least six innings each time.

#### Pirates 12, Astros 6

In Pittsburgh, Neil Walker had three hits, drove in two runs and scored three times, helping Pittsburgh thrash Houston and snap a seven-game losing streak.

Jose Tabata and Lastings Milledge each had two hits and two RBIs as all but one Pittsburgh position player drove in at least one run. The Pirates beat Houston for the first time in eight meetings this season.

## Vinokourov, back from doping ban, wins Tour stage



REVEL, France (AP)—Alexandre Vinokourov did his time for doping. Now, he's back to basking in Tour de France

glory again. The 36-year-old from Kazakhstan capped his return to cycling's main event by winning the 13th stage on Saturday with a solo breakaway that said more about savvy and opportu-

nistic cycling than leg power. It was a far cry from the 2007 Tour, when Vinokourov was kicked out and instantly became an emblem of doping shame after testing positive for a banned blood transfusion.

Police raided his Astana team's hotel and the squad quit the race. Tour organizers lost the gamble they made by giving Astana a wild card to race a year after it was forced out in another doping scandal.

Vinokourov has since said he doesn't want to dwell on the past. He wants to regain the trust of fans and prove that he can win with hard work alone.

"I showed I worked hard in these two years," he said Saturday. It was his fourth career Tour stage victory. It would have been No. 6—his two stage wins in the 2007 Tour were nullified after his disqualification.

Cycling's past with doping lingers at this Tour, especially after recent allegations by Floyd Landis that the use of banned substances was common on the U.S. Postal team when he rode with Lance Armstrong.

The New York Post reported Saturday that three-time Tour champion Greg LeMond has been served with a grand jury subpoena as part of a U.S. federal investigation of possible fraud and doping charges against Armstrong and his associates.

On Saturday, Vinokourov looked back at the trailing pack and thrust his arms skyward at the end of the 121.8mile course from Rodez to Revel over five low-level climbs and beat the onrushing pack by 13 seconds.

Andy Schleck of Luxembourg retained the yellow jersey, finishing in the pack alongside Vinokourov's teammate Alberto Contador, who trails by 31 seconds. Samuel Sanchez of Spain is a distant third, 2:45 back.

A showdown between Contador and Schleck looms in the Pyrenees, where the pack heads on Sunday for the first of four stages - one of the toughest sequences of climbing

the three-week race has seen in recent years.

The 114.7-mile ride from Revel to the ski station of Ax-3 Domaines will lead riders up two extreme climbs, first the Port de Pailheres—one of the toughest ascents in cycling-and an uphill finish.

Schleck was happy to be able to save up energy Saturday.

"It was a good day for my team," said Schleck, the Saxo Bank leader. "We didn't have to work. ... Today was calm - tomorrow is the battle. We're going to have a nice stage tomorrow."

Contador, after hugging Vinokourov at the finish, was still drinking up Astana's victory on Saturday: "I am happier than if I had won."

Vinokourov, who faced a grilling from reporters about doping after he won the Liege-Bastogne-Liege in Belgium in April, said being able to ride in the Tour this year was "already a big victory for me."

On Friday, Vinokourov tried a breakaway attack on the steep final climb in Mende, but bared his teeth in desperation as he couldn't stay ahead of two lighter, fleeter and younger riders who beat him by 4 seconds.

Seven-time champion Armstrong

cruised in a bunch, finishing 4:35 back in 100th place—the fourth straight day that he's lost time. The 38-year-old Texan says his title hopes are over: he's 36th overall, 25:38 back.

After the pack had finished, Armstrong was shown on TV smiling and chatting with RadioShack teammate Yaroslav Popovych while leisurely riding under a canopy of trees.

Armstrong didn't respond to questions from reporters before or after the stage. He has been plagued by crashes at this year's Tour, coming down at least three times and getting delayed by at least two others.

His latest—and this time, bizarre crash came during the warm-up ride in the neutral zone on Saturday, before the start line. The Tour pack usually rides a few kilometers before a regular stage officially begins.

RadioShack spokesman Philippe Maertens said Armstrong believed he simply bumped a teammate and fell, scraping up his left elbow. He returned to the race quickly.

Armstrong, in response to a reporter's Twitter posting suggesting that he might be planning "a big surprise" for Sunday, replied: "I like the sound of it."

# Open poised to produce another surprising champ



(AP)-Louis Oosthuizen still remembers getting together with other kids from the Ernie Els Foundation to watch highlights of their hero winning the British Open at Muirfield in 2002.

The shot out of a pot bunker on the 13th. His birdie on the 17th to tie for the lead. The bunker shot on the 18th hole to win the longest sudden-death playoff ever in a British Open.

"We were actually getting goose bumps," Oosthuizen said. "Just seeing that ... you're always thinking, 'I hope that happens to me."

Hard as it is to imagine—even to the 27-year-old South African—it just might.

After opening with a three-putt bogey, Oosthuizen played with remarkable poise on another windswept afternoon at St. Andrews. He never dropped another shot, never stopped smiling, and finished with a drive onto the 18th green for one last birdie and a 3-under 69.

It gave him a four-shot lead over Paul Casey and put him one round away from becoming the first player in 46 years to capture his first major championship at the home of golf.

This, from a player who had only made it to the weekend one time in eight previous majors. From a South African who had never won on the European Tour until four months ago.

"I don't think anyone was thinking I was going to be up there," Oosthuizen said. "You've heard yourself, no one can actually say my surname, so they don't even know who I am out there. It's great being up there. I just want to enjoy everything about it. I loved it out there. It was great fun for me. And hopefully, tomorrow will be the same."

Gary Player left him a message at his hotel. Els called Saturday morning for support, telling Oosthuizen to enjoy himself on a stage like no other in golf. Eight years after leaving the Els foundation, Oosthuizen still follows his instructions.

Oosthuizen (WUHST-hy-zen) was at 15-under 201. A victory Sunday would make him the first player since Tony Lema in 1964 to win his first major at St. Andrews.

"The Open at St. Andrews would be something special," Oosthuizen said. "It's one of those things you dream of."

Everyone kept waiting for him to fold, and the final test in the third round came



Louis Oosthuizen watches his shot from the second tee during the third round of the British Open Golf Championship on the Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland, Saturday, July 17, 2010.

on his second shot to the 17th green, where the pine was planted perilously behind the Road Hole bunker. With a slightly uphill lie, Oosthuizen couldn't bounce the ball away from the bunker and onto the green. So he played it safe, riding a 5-iron with right-to-left wind, keeping it between the bunker in front of the green and road behind it. He didn't mind that it ran through the green and onto the 18th tee, just as Casey was preparing to hit his tee shot.

Casey smiled. Lee Westwood walked over to the ball and acted as if he was going to smash the ball back at Oosthuizen.

The way he's playing, even that might not have stopped him at St. Andrews.

"I'm loving the fact I'm playing absolutely great golf and I'm four shots behind Louis," Casey said.

Casey went out in 31 when the wind was at its strongest, and mostly into his face. He finished off a bogey-free round of 67 that puts him in the final group of a major for the first time. He was at 11-under 205.

It might be a two-man race between players who have never seriously challenged in a major. In fact, none of the six players within nine shots of the lead have won a major.

Oosthuizen was seven shots clear of Martin Kaymer of Germany, who had a 68 and was alone in third. Another shot behind—and eight shots out of the lead-were Henrik Stenson (67), Aleiandro Canizares (71) and Westwood (71), who didn't make a birdie on the front nine but did well to at least stay in the game.

Americans have won six of the last eight Opens at St. Andrews, but they have disappeared in this one. Dustin Johnson birdied his last two holes for a 69 and was nine shots behind.

Tiger Woods, who won the last two times at St. Andrews by a combined 13 shots, has never been within four shots of the lead all week, and he wasn't even close Saturday. He had four long eagle putts—only one of them on a par 5—and three-putted for par on three of them to shoot 73. He was 12 shots behind, sure to match his longest start to the season without a victory in his seventh tournament.

"I'm playing better than my position," said Woods, who was tied for 18th. "I certainly have had a lot more putts on the greens than I ever have, and that's something that has basically kept me out of being in the final few groups."

Phil Mickelson, who had a chance at the start of the week to go to No. 1 in the world, was another shot behind. Whatever momentum he had was lost with a 5-iron that he hooked out-of-bounds for a double bogey on No. 16 for a 70.

The South African heritage at golf's oldest championship dates to Bobby Locke winning four times in a ninevear stretch after World War II. Player won the claret jug three times, and Els was the most recent in 2002.

Oosthuizen, whose career was made possible by the Ernie Els Foundation at Fancourt, had to wait 28 hours from his last putt on Friday to his opening shot Saturday.

"It felt like a week-and-a-half," he said. He promptly three-putted for bogey as his lead shrunk to two shots. Considering it was only the second time he made it to the weekend at a major, it looked as though it wouldn't be long before he wilted from the pressure. It was his only bogey. He picked up his first birdie on the seventh hole, then added a surprise birdie late in his round with a 60-foot putt.

Even with a four-shot lead—the largest 54-hole lead in the Open since Woods led by six shots in 2000—the real test comes Sunday.

Casey ran off three birdies in a fourhole stretch early in his round, and he got as close as one-shot with a two-putt birdie on the ninth. But he had to settle for nothing better than par on the back nine, missing a 5-foot birdie on the 18th.

"I'm having a great time, and I'm going to go out there tomorrow and enjoy myself and have a good attitude," Casey said. "I know what this golf course can do. It can give you some great moments, and it can give you some horrible ones."

A few weird moments, too.

Miguel Angel Jimenez added another highlight to the infamous Road Hole when he turned his back on the green and banged a shot off the waisthigh wall, where it caromed back over the road, up a slope and onto the green.

Mark Calcavecchia wound up with a quadruple-bogey 9 on the par-5 fifth hole when he hit into a gorse bush, played a provisional for a lost ball, picked up his provision shot when he heard the ball was found, then learned that the ball wasn't his. That explains his 77, which sent the 50-year-old tumbling down the leaderboard.

Woods also hit into the gorse for a bogev on the fifth. On the next hole, he hit a low shot to the front of the green for a birdie chance, but the wind blew it some 20 yards back into the fairway before he got there.

Moments like those might be enough to give Westwood hope.

Johnson had a three-shot lead going into the final round of the U.S. Open and shot 82. The largest comeback in British Open history is 10 shots by Paul Lawrie at Carnoustie, but that required a debacle by Jean Van de Velde on the last hole.

"Strange things have been happening this week," Westwood said. "It can be done—we know that. It depends on the weather. If it's a miserable, windy day, anything can happen. But Louis and Paul look like they are playing well."

## Heat complete Ilgauskas signing as roster fills



Heat, the first priority of the summer was the big moves. the names like LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh.

It's been all about big men since.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas became the third center to sign with the Heat in less than 24 hours on Saturday, completing a deal he agreed in principle to about five days earlier. On Friday, the Heat completed contracts with returning Miami veteran Joel Anthony and rookie draft pick Dexter Pittman. And Miami's next move is expected to be the re-signing of another 7-footer, Jamaal Magloire.

That's roughly 28 feet of centers in all, with the 7-foot-3 Ilgauskas standing taller than everyone else on Miami's now-bursting depth chart at center. The Lithuanian—who was drafted by Cleveland in 1996 and has never

MIAMI (AP)—For the Miami suited up for any other NBA club—is returned to Cleveland. 12th among all active players with 1.269 blocks, and 21st among current players in rebounds with 5,904.

"As we continue to shape our roster, we have filled a key position with the addition of Zydrunas," Heat president Pat Riley said in a release. "He is a two-time All-Star, a proven rebounder, and a great shot blocker. His place in NBA history is already clear, and we are pleased to be able to add a seasoned veteran of his caliber to our roster."

Ilgauskas averaged 7.4 points and 5.4 rebounds last season for Cleveland, playing as a backup behind Shaquille O'Neal. He was part of a three-way midseason trade and ended up in Washington, which bought out his deal without Ilgauskas ever playing a second for the Wizards. After the NBA's mandated 30-day waiting period, Ilgauskas

But when James announced his decision to join Miami, it seemed almost certain that Ilgauskas would follow. To him, it made sense for three reasons: His wife Jennifer has plenty of family in South Florida, James wanted him to join the rebuilt and suddenly loaded Heat roster, and Ilgauskas is still chasing his first championship ring.

"LeBron gets a lot of the credit for this one," Wade said.

Ilgauskas is the ninth player to sign with Miami for the coming season. After Magloire, the Heat are expected to add Juwan Howard and Carlos Arroyo in the coming days, and it seems possible that free agent James Jones-who was with Miami last season—could also return. Free agent point guards Keyon Dooling and Chris Quinn, both former Miami players, are targets as well.

#### NBA BRIEFS

#### Rockets agree to 3-year deal with Brad Miller

**HOUSTON** (AP)—Free agent center Brad Miller has agreed to a three-year, \$15 million contract with the Houston Rockets. The 7-foot Miller averaged 8.8 points and 4.9 rebounds for Chicago last season. Miller played in Sacramento from 2003-09, including three seasons playing for current Houston coach Rick Adelman. Agent Mark Bartelstein said in a phone interview on Saturday that reuniting with Adelman was a major factor in Miller's decision. "Coach Adelman was a huge part of it," Bartelstein said. "He had a great time playing for him, and he thinks he's a great, great coach." The 34-year-old Miller will back up All-Star center Yao Ming, who's expected to return healthy next season after sitting out a year to recover from foot surgery.

#### Magic match Bulls' offer sheet to retain Redick

**ORLANDO**, Fla. (AP)—The only place J.J. Redick is heading is to the

bank. In a move that highlights his remarkable NBA turnaround, the same Orlando Magic team that once benched Redick, shelled out \$19 million Friday to retain the shooting guard. They matched a three-year offer sheet that the Chicago Bulls made for Redick last week that could cost Orlando much more. The decision drives the Magic deeper into the luxury tax and gives them one of the NBA's highest payrolls at about \$93 million next season. The move keeps Orlando's roster mostly intact as the Magic hope continuity will overcome Miami's All-Star trio and Boston's Big Three in the Eastern Conference. "When it came down to it, when we're talking about what we're trying to do here, it came down for me to pedigree, DNA, things that most people don't think about," Orlando general manager Otis Smith said. "It was less about the money for me, being the basketball guy, and more about keeping a guy around that we've had in our organization for the past four years."

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Shamrock Warrior's find arrived at the weighing station, about 40 minutes after the second heaviest single catch of the week—a 144.85-lb marlin-came.

Botin Saba, skippered by Paul Roberto Sr. with Paul Roberto Jr. and James Roberto as anglers, owned the second heaviest single catch in the tournament.

Botin Saba caught the about 7-foot-long marlin near Bird Island at around 3pm and it took its crew only about 10 minutes to bring the fish into the boat. The Roberto family made it to the dock past 4pm.

The first billfish to be caught in the tournament and made its way to the weighing station was Luka and Ben's 118.10-lb marlin last Saturday. The Ben

Jake Villareal and Shawn Brady,

Castro-skippered boat caught Day 1's heaviest catch early at 8am north of Marpi. It was also Castro and his crew's lone catch of the week, as Luka and Ben did not make it to the 6pm cutoff yesterday.

Luka and Ben's stint at the top spot was short-lived, as around 3pm yesterday, San Juan III made it to the dock with its 127.95-lb marlin. San Juan III skipper Antonio Maestro and Errol Moises said they found the 6-footlong billfish at Naftan Point around 8am and because of the rough water, it took them around 30 minutes to bring the fish to the boat.

San Juan III was the lone boat to land two billfish in the tournament, as Maestro and Moises caught a 80.40-lb marlin later in the afternoon on Sunday.

However, with Botin Saba making its way to the dock, more than an hour before the conclusion of the derby, San Juan III dropped to second place and then eventually to third, as Shamrock Warrior bested San Juan III's catch.

Official winners in other categories, namely yellowfin, wahoo, mahi-mahi, and skipjack have yet to be finalized, as the organizing Saipan Fishing Association were still tabulating the weights of the fish caught by the participating boats. The Top 3 placers in each category will receive prizes. Prizes will also be given to the Top 3 total weight winners.

Last year, the grand prize winner was Sta. Remedio, which caught a 319.5-lbs Pacific blue marlin during the first day of the tournament. Sta. Remedio was among the 66 boats entered in this year's tournament, but failed to catch a fish that would qualify them in the five categories.

#### CNMI

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backstroke during the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Giordan Harris is another Olympian for the Marshall Islands and a veteran of world championship and other regional games in the Pacific. He is good in short distance races.

Also suiting up for the Marshall Islands' men's team are who both competed in the 2009 FINA World Championships in Rome. Villareal's best time in the 50m freestyle is 26.88 sec-

Jonathan Bishop and Michael Taylor. Bishop is the Marshall Islands' No. 1 bet in breaststroke. His best time in the 50m breaststroke is 32.64 seconds.

onds. Completing the team are Taylor joined the Micro Games on Saipan in 2006 and recorded

terfly in Rome last year.

The Marshall Islands swimmers will go up against Rezne Wong, Kai Staal, Kensuke and Shin Kimura, Andrew Kimball, Michael Moran Jr., and Junior Pamaran.

"It will not be an easy competition for us, even though Guam is not going to Palau. The Marshall Islands has strong swimmers. We have to do our very best in every race and strive to win," the older Kimura said.

He added besides the Marshall Islands, there are two Pohnpei swimmers and one Palau bet who may give the CNMI representatives a run for their money.

Hiro Kimura is talking of Pohnpei's Hadley Kerson and Tony Augustine. Kerson won the gold medal in the 200m backstroke during the 2006 Micro Games. His best times include 26.15 seconds (50m freestyle), 29.71 second (50m backstroke), and 27.50 seconds (50m butterfly). Augustine was also a participant in the 2006 Micronesian Games and made it to the finals of several events.

For Palau, the CNMI has to watch Liam Bornovski, who holds the island's best time of

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

**AMERICAN LEAGUE** 

**East Division** 

**MLB STANDINGS** 

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28 seconds in the 50m freestyle. "He is still young, but is getting faster in every tournament he joined in," Hiro Kimura said.

The swimming competition at the Palau National Swimming Pool will run from Aug. 2 to 5.

Martin Kaymer

Henrik Stenson

Lee Westwood

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#### **UFO**

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rain. Last Tuesday, the Nationals were leading MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt, 80-71, with 4:55 left in the fourth quarter, when rain stopped the match.

VisMinda played in the first game last Tuesday, managed to complete its match against MAFEA, and won, 84-74.

In its second game, VisMinda seemed headed for a 2-0 start in the masters division, as it controlled the weekend match since at the start of the tiff.

Alex Ocampo and James Abuy tallied six points apiece in the opening quarter, lifting VisMinda to an early doubledigit lead at the end of that canto, 20-9.

29.16 seconds in the 50m but-

Laguna-Moonlight struggled offensively in the first period, as it had no player making more than a field goal in that canto and missed all its free throws. Teddy Bughay went 0-for-4, while Dindo Pablo muffed one charity.

Laguna's misfortunes continued in the second canto with only Warren Villegas finding his target twice. Laguna scored only 11 markers in the second quarter.

In contrast, VisMinda's deep bench got the job done on offense in the second period with its nine players making it to the scoreboard. Visminda outgunned Laguna in the second canto, 28-11, for a commanding 48-20 lead.

Pablo and Jerry Lopez tried to rally back Laguna at the start of the second half, combining for 13 points in the third period, but failed to get support from their teammates, allowing VisMinda to keep its 20-plus point advantage, 67-41, entering the final canto.

In the opening minutes of the

fourth canto, Laguna outscored VisMinda, 10-8, but just when the former was getting its momentum, a sudden downpour disrupted the match.

Players, coaches, and spectators struggled to find cover from rain, while league officials scrambled to protect the electronic equipment being used in the games.

Five minutes later, the rain stopped but the outdoor court was already non-playable, forcing the waiting players of SIS and the Nationals to go home early. Cancelled matches will be rescheduled later.

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Toronto

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#### Cleveland 37 54 .407 131/2

**West Division** Texas 52 39 .571 -Los Angeles 50 44 .532 31/2 Oakland 45 46 .495 7 Seattle 35 56 .385 17

#### **NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division**

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#### **Central Division**

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#### **West Division**

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#### Yesterday's Games

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#### **BRITISH OPEN SCORES**

(a-amateur):

#### THIRD ROUND

**Dustin Johnson** 69-72-69-210 Nick Watney 67-73-71-211 67-72-72-211 Sean O'Hair Retief Goosen 69-70-72-211 68-71-72-211 Ricky Barnes J.B. Holmes 70-72-70-212 Rory McIlroy 63-80-69-212 Sergio Garcia 71-71-70-212 68-73-71-212 69-71-72-212 Robert Karlsson 68-70-74-212 a-Jin Jeong Robert Rock 68-78-67-213 Ross Fisher 68-77-68-213 Camilo Villegas 68-75-70-213 Lucas Glover 67-76-70-213 Tiger Woods 67-73-73-213 69-71-73-213 Ignacio Garrido 72-67-74-213 Miguel Angel Jimenez Peter Hanson 66-73-74-213 Charl Schwartzel 71-75-68-214 Steve Marino 69-76-69-214 Luke Donald 73-72-69-214 Stephen Gallacher 71-73-70-214 Phil Mickelson 73-71-70-214 Kevin Na 70-74-70-214 Adam Scott 72-70-72-214 Jeff Overton 73-69-72-214 Bo Van Pelt 69-72-73-214 Fredrik Andersson Hed 67-74-73-214 Tom Lehman 71-68-75-214 Mark Calcavecchia 70-67-77-214 Stewart Cink 70-74-71-215 69-75-71-215 Robert Allenby Graeme McDowell 71-68-76-215 Soren Kjeldsen 72-74-70-216 Hunter Mahan 69-76-71-216 Steve Stricker 71-74-71-216 70-74-72-216 Zane Scotland Marc Leishman 73-71-72-216 66-76-74-216 John Daly 74-69-73-216 Simon Khan Marcel Siem 67-75-74-216 72-70-74-216 Alvaro Quiros **Bradley Dredge** 66-76-74-216 68-73-75-216 Ryo Ishikawa Tom Pernice Jr. 72-74-71-217

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Matt Kuchar

Rickie Fowler

Colm Moriarty

Kyung-tae Kim

Simon Dyson

John Senden

Andrew Coltart

Darren Clarke

Toru Taniquchi

Heath Slocum

Peter Senior

Edoardo Molinari

Hirofumi Miyase

Scott Verplank

Zach Johnson

Danny Chia

Jason Day

Ian Poulter

Thomas Aiken

Richard S. Johnson

Colin Montgomerie

Y.E. Yang

Vijay Singh

Steven Tilev

Trevor Immelman

#### **DEADLINE**

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do a deal with Floyd for next year. If Floyd emerged and said he wanted to do the fight (in November), then there would be nothing opposed to doing the fight."

Arum claims he couldn't wait any longer to start the timeconsuming process of putting together a fight for Pacquiao, whose personal schedule has tightened up with his election to congress in his native Philippines this year. Arum said Top Rank needs several months to put together television deals and publicity tours for the bout.

Pacquiao and Mayweather are their sport's top two stars, and a meeting likely would be worth more than \$40 million to each fighter. They've discussed a bout for several months since Mayweather's return from a brief retirement, but haven't made a deal.

Although he hasn't spoken directly to Mayweather, Arum believes the former poundfor-pound champion might be reluctant because of the legal woes of Roger Mayweather, his uncle and longtime trainer. Roger Mayweather will go on trial in Las Vegas next month on assault charges stemming from an altercation with a female boxer last year.

"It would be a shame if it didn't happen, but I don't think (anybody) should be too harsh on Floyd in this situation," Arum said. "I would have liked him to communicate, but I really believe that this issue with the uncle has an effect. Putting myself in their shoes, I would feel a lot of reluctance going into this big fight without my trainer, and we're not going to know what the outcome of this criminal situation is for quite some time.'

Arum also gave a little insight into the murky negotiations, which were conducted with much less public grandstanding than in the rancorous talks during the 2009 holidays, which ended with no deal-and with Pacquiao suing members of the Mayweather camp for insinuating he uses performance-enhancing drugs.

Arum said he never spoke directly to Mayweather, his representatives at Golden Boy Promotions or even Al Haymon, Mayweather's chief adviser. Instead, Arum spoke solely to HBO Sports president Ross Greenburg, who served as a mediator between Top Rank and Mayweather's camp.

Mayweather's camp has been silent throughout the negotiations, with Golden Boy CEO Richard Schaefer even refusing

to acknowledge talks were occurring. Haymon never grants interviews or makes public statements about his varied boxing interests.

Mayweather's official Twitter feed, which usually is overflowing with plugs for his iPhone application, music ventures and charity endeavors, hasn't been updated since Thursday afternoon.

Although Top Rank informed Greenburg of its deadline—and even tweaked Mayweather by putting a countdown clock on its websit-Greenburg and Haymon hadn't responded by Friday night.

"The fight that we want to do is Mayweather," Arum said. "We haven't said anything different, we haven't acted differently, but Manny has to fight in November. We're going to proceed with all deliberate speed. but if in the interim Floyd decides that, despite the Roger situation, that he wants to fight Manny, absolutely, that's the fight we want."

Pacquiao is unlikely to have much trouble reaching a deal with either of the replacement opponents identified by Arum. since Cotto and Margarito both are fellow Top Rank fighters.

Pacquiao stopped Cotto last November to win the WBO welterweight title in a fairly one-sided fight, but Arum said

the rematch would be at super welterweight, where Cotto rejuvenated his career by claiming the WBA title at Yankee Stadium last month. The match also is enticing because Pacquiao could go after a title in his eighth weight class.

While Pacquiao and Cotto would meet either at Cowboys Stadium or in Las Vegas, Arum said Pacquiao might have to fight Margarito in Monterrey, Mexico-which could be a financial boon to both fighters, given Mexico's lower withholding taxes. Margarito's suspension in California still hasn't been lifted after he was caught using illegal hand wraps in a January 2009 bout, essentially making him unable to fight anywhere stateside without an exemption.

Arum scoffed at the notion of matching Pacquiao against Paul Williams, Timothy Bradley or other lesser-known fighters who might be even more deserving of a shot at the world's best boxers, calling them "free riders" on Pacquiao's financial muscle.

"Paul Williams is a tremendous fighter, really a great fighter, but he's never been promoted correctly," Arum said. "He doesn't have any following. He can't sell a ticket. ... I'm not going to let anybody have a free ride."

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (AP) -Scores Saturday from the British Open on the 7,305-yard, par-72 Old Course

65-67-69-201 Louis Oosthuizen 69-69-67-205 Paul Casey

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# Weekend Sports

he CNMI Senior All-Stars ended the misfortunes that beset the Commonwealth's delegation to the 2010 Asia Pacific Regional Tournament after beating Guam in the finals of the World Series qualifier, 8-4.

The Senior All-Stars were among the four CNMI teams that headed to Indonesia last week to compete in the regionals, and were the only ones left standing after six days of competition.

First to lose without even playing in the tournament were the CNMI Major All-Stars, who

# **Senior All-Stars deliver for CNMI**

failed to secure a connecting flight from Manila to Indonesia. Then came next were the Big and Junior All-Stars, who failed to finish in the Top 2 in their respective divisions, thus were denied entries to the finals.

The Senior All-Stars finished on top of its group with an unbeaten 3-0 record and pulled off Lodge 179 hosting the inau-

a come-from-behind win over Guam after an eight-run top of the seventh inning.

The Senior, Big, and Junior All-Stars are scheduled to return to Saipan early this morning.

While a regional tournament concluded, two local events started last week with Emon

gural Freemasonry Inter-Color Basketball League at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium and the United Filipino Organizations staging the 2010 UFO Inter-Organizational Reinforced Basketball League.

Armatech, Marianas Wireless, Mobil, Wings Travel, and MBI won their debut games in the Emon Lodge caging, while defending champion MDX-Chow Queen and MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt prevailed in the opening matches in the UFO league.

Still in basketball, the Budweiser caging continued with the Nationals improving to a 5-0 record, while the UBA youth league over at the Garapan

Baskeball Court also proceeded with its regular season games in the U18 division.

The second day of action in the UFO caging and Friday's games in the UBA league were rained out.

Semifinal games in the Saipan Summer Tennis Open 2010 at the American Memorial Park tennis courts were also rained out The weekend tournament featured the CNMI teams that will compete in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau and the 2010 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji.



Emon Lodge 179 members and league officials pose for a group photo during the opening of the Emon Lodge caging last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Wings Travel's Joy Dayrit is guarded by a Marianas Resort defender during their debut game in the Emon Lodge caging last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



Bayani-Soul Jaz players and supporters join the parade of teams during the opening of the UFO caging at the Garapan Basketball Court last week.



Dong Ik Jang returns to Rafael Jones during their consolation game in the Saipan Summer Tennis Open 2010 at the American Memorial



Park tennis courts

Harry Nakamura started on the mound for the CNMI Senior League All-Stars in their 8-4 win in the finals of the Asia-Pacific Little League Regional Tournament in Jakarta, Indonesia.



Garapan Basketball Court.



The CNMI Nationals' Tim Quan, right, fakes off the defense of Becks' Kevin Fitial during their game in the Budweiser caging last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



The CNMI Junior Little Leaguers pose for a photo outside the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport before leaving for their four-leg trip to Jakarta, Indonesia where they competed in the 2010 Little League Asia-Pacific Regional Tournament. The Junior, Big, and Senior All-Stars are scheduled to return to Saipan



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# **Shamrock Warrior** lands heaviest marlin

### CNMI, Marshalls duel in swimming looms

Michael Moran Jr., seen here at the start of a 100m backstroke swim race of a local tournament, will represent the CNMI in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau next month.

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will be the CNMI's fiercest rival in the medal rich swimming competition in the 7th Micronesian Games, following the reported absence of Guam swim-

The Marshall Islands

mers in Palau.

Pacific Daily

News reported early
this month that Guam

will not be sending a swimming team to Palau next month. An e-mail sent to Guam Swimming Federation and the Guam National Olympic Committee, asking for confirmation on the swim

mation on the swim team's absence in the Micro Games and its reason, has yet to be answered at press time.

Guam won 22 gold medals, 14 silver, and seven bronze in the swimming competition in the 6th Micronesian Games on Saipan in 2006, beating the host CNMI, which earned 15 gold medals, 19 silver, and 15 bronze.

With Guam swimmers out for next month's competition, the CNMI is favored to haul the most medals in the Games. However, CNMI men's team coach Hiro Kimura said despite Guam's absence, the Commonwealth's swimmers should not be complacent, as the Marshall Islands, which claimed one gold, three silver, and five bronze in the 2006 Micro Games, is expected to give them a tough time.

According Kimura's scouting reports, the Marshall Islands will have six top-caliber male swimmers competing in the Micro Games.

First on the list is Jared Heine, a member of the University of Florida swim team and an

Olympic veteran. Heine timed in at 58 seconds in the 100m

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GOSELYN B. MONROYO John Guerrero, left, and Tony Scragg, pose with their catch, a 248-lb marlin, at the weighing station in Smiling Cove Marina yesterday during the 26th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament.

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hamrock Warrior landed the heaviest single catch in the 26th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament after hauling a 248-lb blue marlin yesterday.

It was *Shamrock Warrior's* lone catch in the two-day tournament and the John Guerrerocaptained boat brought in the 8-foot-long marlin at the weighing station at Smiling Cove Marina, 15 minutes before the derby ended, giving the team the grand prize in the weekend event. Participating boats

the weekend starting at 6am and were required to be

were allowed

to fish over

at the dock on or before 6pm.

Guerrero said they caught the fish between 2:30pm and 3pm, about 20 miles off Tinian. Tony Scragg added they found the heaviest catch of the day in the reef between Esmeralda and Goat islands.

"It was our lone catch of the weekend. We had a tough time yesterday, but we never lost hope. When you go out fishing, you always hope for a big fish," Guerrero added.

The team of Guerrero, Scragg, and angler Mark Staffler took 30 minutes to bring the marlin into their boat and they used about 60 gallons of gas for the two-day fishing hunt.

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## UFO caging games rained out again

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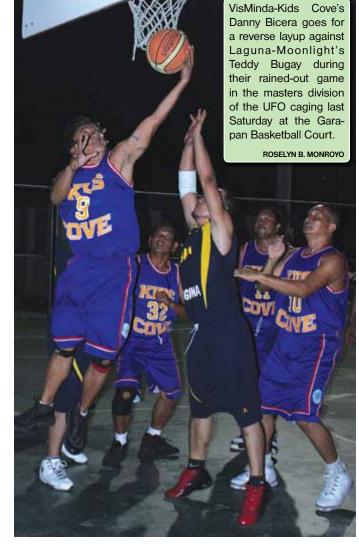
Rain would not go away Saturday night halting the masters game in the

2010 United Filipino Organization Inter-Organizational Reinforced Basketball League and canceling the open division match at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Masters division's VisMinda-Kids Cove and Laguna-Moon-light played in the curtain-raiser, but the match was rained out in the fourth quarter. VisMinda was on top 75-51, and is likely to notch its second win in as many games, as only 5:12 were left on the clock when heavy rains forced the suspension of the match.

With the outdoor Garapan Basketball Court soggy due to rainwater, organizers also decided to cancel the open division match between the debuting Samahang Ilonggo sa Saipan and the CNMI Nationals.

In was the second time in a week that the UFO caging had to call it a night early due to See UFO on Page 26



### Pacquiao-Mayweather deadline passes without deal

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Manny Pacquiao reluctantly will look for another opponent for his

next bout after promoter Bob Arum's deadline for a deal with Floyd Mayweather Jr. passed Saturday without a word from Mayweather.

In the latest improbable twist in the torturous negotiations for the most tantalizing prospective fight in boxing, Arum said Mayweather's camp simply hasn't responded to a contract proposal with no obvious points of contention.

Pacquiao already has agreed to extensive drug testing and an equitable split of the earnings from what's likely to be the richest fight in boxing history.

"Floyd, for whatever rea-



son—and I'm sure he has some valid reason—didn't want to commit," Arum said.

Although Arum was careful not to criticize Mayweather, saying the fighter who calls himself Money could take the incredibly lucrative offer at any point in the next week or so, Arum plans to open discussions



with Antonio Margarito and Miguel Cotto for a fight with Pacquiao in November.

"(Pacquiao-Mayweather) is dead when we conclude a deal for Manny's fight in November," Arum said. "Then we're contractually bound to that fight, and we would look to

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